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PSS mulls pay cuts

Education Commissioner Glenn Muña explains the Public School System's austerity plans yesterday at the Standing Committee Meeting on Fiscal, Personnel and Administration at the BOE conference room on Capitol Hill.
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In the wake of government-wide budget cuts, the Public School System is scrambling for ways to reduce its own expenses, with pay cuts among the several austerity measures under consideration to help it meet its many obligations.

Proposals like salary cuts for personnel earning more than $23,000 annually and a cash plan—best described as for "survival mode"—were discussed during a Board of Education Fiscal, Personnel and Administration Committee meeting the BOE conference room on Capitol Hill yesterday.

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'Karetan guaka' brings Borja to his resting place

The *karetan guaka* built by the late Eugenio Arriola Borja is prepared by his grandchildren and children and brought to the diocese of Chalan Kanoa for his memorial service and burial at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.
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A prize-winning bull cart that was built by the late Eugenio Arriola Borja was used yesterday by his family members to carry his casket to his final resting spot at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Borja's granddaughter, Loarraine Borja Pinaula, said yesterday that her grandfather built the cart, called a *karetan guaka* in Chamorro, back in his prime and it won prizes during local parades as it was part of

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SHOWN EXISTENCE OF IPI'S WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

'7 ex-IPI workers switch tactics'

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Upon being confronted with a workers compensation insurance policy obtained by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC, the seven construction workers who are suing the company and its two contractors have switched tactics and now argue that such policy does not cover them, according to IPI.

In IPI's memorandum in support of its motion to dismiss the lawsuit, IPI lawyer

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Alleged overstaying tourist allowed to post bail

The federal court denied the U.S. government's motion yesterday to detain an alleged overstaying female tourist who was arrested last week on suspicion of using a fake CNMI driver's license.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy allowed Chunqiao Chen to be released to a third-party custodian upon posting a $2,500 cash bail.

Kennedy deemed Chen a flight risk but that the court could set certain terms and conditions for her temporary release.

Kennedy ordered Chen to abide by those terms and conditions of her pretrial release.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe argued for the U.S. government's motion for detention.

Chen's court-appointed counsel, Steven P. Pixley, asked that she be released to a third-party custodian.

According to a complaint filed by Homeland Security special agent Nicole Sively, HSI task force officer Jesse Dubrall encountered Chen last Thursday and recognized her as the one from whom he had seized an expired Saipan driver's license last May 2.

Sively said that when Dubrall asked Chen why she was driving again when he had previously advised her that she could not legally drive on Saipan, she allegedly presented Dubrall with another driver's license.

After checking with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Dubrall determined that the Saipan's driver's license was fake, prompting him to arrest Chen. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tina, JP cooperate for Precinct 2

Reps. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) may be from opposing aisles of the Legislature but the two are teaming up on projects for their district, Precinct 2.

Tina Sablan is one of the seven independents in the House under the minority, while J.P. Sablan is a member of the ruling Republican majority; he is the floor leader and chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

Both lawmakers just completed several cleanups in their district, and also organized the planting of trees, flowers, and other vegetables at the William S. Reyes Elementary School last month.

Now they are looking at shoreline plantings in Precinct 2 beaches like Laly 4 and Sugar Dock. They are looking to partner with the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance on this project.

Both lawmakers are also planning to plant more trees in the villages, cleanups, and other beautification projects in their precinct. They are also looking at hosting a job fair and holding regular town hall meetings for the people of Precinct 2.

The first town hall meeting will be held on May 28, Tuesday, from 5pm to 7pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. ***(Jon Perez)***

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NAVFAC MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Members of the Air Force Reserve 624th Regional Support Group participate in a groundbreaking event on May 17 to build a new medical training facility for the 624th Aerospace Medicine Flight at Andersen Air Force Base. Taking part in the groundbreaking were, from left, Staff Sgt. Nathan Punzalan, 624th AMDF; Tech Sgt. Michael Shinohara, recruiter, 624th RSG; Master Sgt. Doris Leon Guerrero, superintendent, 624th AMDF; Maj. Ronnie Guerrero, officer in charge of Health and Services Administration, 624th AMDF; and Master Sgt. Vivian Aguon, 624th AMDF.

Construction begins for medical facility in Guam base

YIGO, Guam—The 36th Civil Engineering Squadron held a groundbreaking event last May 17 to begin the construction of a $4.14 million medical training facility at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam.

This one-story, 495-square-meter facility, is the first for the 624th Aerospace Medicine Flight of the Air Force Reserve. It will be located adjacent to the existing 36th Medical Group Medical/Dental building on AAFB.

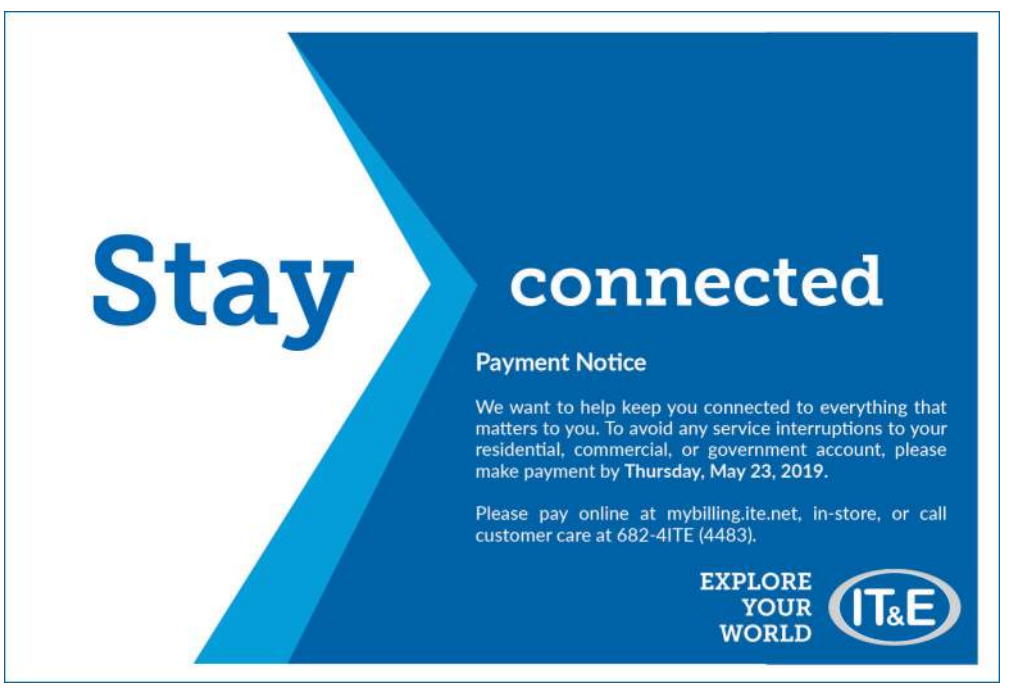
"Collocating our unit to the 36th MDG will enhance relations with our host base medical facility," said Maj. Ronnie Guerrero, officer-in-charge of Health and Services Administration for the 624th AMDF. "This building will enable us to run our operations a lot more smoothly because our proximity to the MTF will allow us to conduct our training on-site and transition to actual practicing of physical exams, labs and immunizations much more readily."

The 624th AMDF comprises about 38 members and provides physical exam support to its collocated Reserve unit, the 44th Aerial Port Squadron. It currently operates about a half mile from the 36th MDG building.

"With us being adjacent to 36th MDG they'll know exactly who their partners are on base," he said. "They'll be able to know that we're there to support them whenever they need it and, of course, we count on their support as well."

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas awarded the $4.14-million contract to Reliable Builders Inc. of Guam, under a small-business Historically Underutilized Business Zone, or HUBZone, design-build multiple award construction contract in September 2018.

Construction of the facility is expected to be complete in March 2020. ***(USN)***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FOR ALLEGEDLY 'DOUBLE-TEAMING' HIM

Lujan wants Hillbroom's two lawyers sanctioned

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Lawyer David J. Lujan wants the federal court to sanction the two lawyers of Junior Larry Hillbroom for allegedly "double-teaming" him and Barry J. Israel during their depositions in Guam.

Lujan cited case law and the Federal Civil Judicial Procedure and Rules Advisory Committee Notes as saying that only one lawyer for each party may examine the witness or the person who is undergoing deposition.

Deposition refers to the taking of testimony of a witness outside of court. Double-teaming occurs when more than one attorney for the same party asks questions of a witness.

Lujan accused Hillbroom's lawyers, Mark B. Hanson and Nelson J. Werner, of acting in bad faith and "in a manner that unreasonably annoyed and oppressed him" at his (Lujan's) deposition on May 13 and 14, 2019, and at the deposition of Israel on May 6 to 8, 2019.

During Israel's deposition, Lujan said that Werner presented Israel with an exhibit, yet both Werner and Hanson refused to provide a copy of the exhibit to him.

Lujan said he was present at Israel's deposition in his capacity as a party in the case.

Lujan and Israel are co-defendants in Hillbroom's lawsuit.

He said that Werner and Hanson's conduct at Israel's deposition prompted him to insist at his deposition on May 13 that he review the exhibit in its entirety.

The bottom line, he said, is that Hillbroom's lawyer should have provided him with a copy of that exhibit, either as a party attending Israel's deposition or as a witness.

The exhibit refers to a 70-plus page document from more than 20 years ago.

Lujan said the better practice, as the Advisory Committee observes, would have been to send to him in advance of his deposition all of the exhibits about which they intended to question him.

Lujan said that, at his deposition, Warner stated that Hanson, as his co-counsel, was entitled to ask questions.

Citing the recorded deposition, Lujan said it is clear that he and Hanson do not get along well, yet despite this distaste between him and Hanson, his deposition went well on May 13 until Werner "abruptly adjourned" without any statement as to whether or not the deposition would be continued.

Lujan said the deposition resumed the following morning.

Lujan said that after the brief session at the deposition on May 14, he sought to meet and confer with Werner either in person or by phone.

Lujan said he sent a letter to Werner, stating that he was willing to continue the deposition but that it should be conducted in accordance with standard deposition procedures, including that there be no double-teaming.

Lujan said he also stated he was willing to meet and confer on May 14 or 15 in order to avoid the necessity of having to refer this to a judge.

Lujan said he left the May 14 deposition that lasted only a few minutes because Hanson refused to allow him to put on the record his explanation why double-teaming was impermissible.

Hillbroom has already filed a motion with the court to compel Lujan to resume his deposition on Saipan as Lujan allegedly displayed obstructive conduct and improperly left during the deposition. Hillbroom had also asked the court to sanction Lujan.

Hillbroom is suing Lujan and Israel for allegedly conspiring with former trustee Keith Waibel to inflate their contingency fee when the fortune of the late DHL co-founder Larry Hillblom was still undergoing probate proceedings in the Superior Court.

Lujan and Israel denied the allegations.

Hillbroom is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom.

Hillblom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1955. His body was never recovered.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, in his capacity as acting governor, is joined by first lady Diann Torres and personnel from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services as he signs the proclamation declaring Emergency Medical Services Week at the conference room of the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

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PSS

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Due to the decline in revenue collections in the first and second quarters of the current fiscal year, the Office of Management and Budget has implemented a 15-percent cut across all government agencies, including PSS. However, this percentage cut has not been formally communicated to PSS yet.

Education Commissioner Glen Muña pointed out that the budget deficits are just projections at the moment.

"We have not received the definite percentage that we have to cut so we are just taking a practical approach that will help us so we can start to communicate with the Legislature," he said.

At the House Ways & Means Committee meeting last Monday, PSS asked for an operating budget of $67 million for fiscal year 2020. However, based on the proposed budget submitted by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to the Legislature, the government has only allotted it $36.7 million.

According to PSS Finance director Christopher Ching, austerity measures are already in place at PSS, including a salary freeze.

"This means no within-grade increases and, whenever someone resigns and it is locally funded, the full-time equivalent is evaluated whether it needs to be replaced or we can manage the school year and fiscal year without that employee," he said.

Local travel has been suspended. The operating budget at the PSS central office has been adjusted. Energy conservation has been re-emphasized.

"Now we are even proposing [operating fund cuts] at the school level," he added.

Ching said an operational budget cut in secondary schools for fiscal year 2019 has not been implemented yet as it is all on hold, pending discussion with school administrators.

Because of these cost-cutting measures, PSS has already been able to save $3 million, Ching said, but the total amount they have to save is $7.2 million.

"The decision to implement further budget cuts is a decision the board has to make, whether it's cutting personnel or decide to incur obligations that we cannot pay such as [the Commonwealth Utilities Corp]," he added. "… hope next fiscal year when the economy is better that we can lobby to obtain funds for that."

Salary cuts

In the event PSS needs to further cut its operational costs down the road—after fiscal year 2019—Muña said that they might need to cut the salary of personnel.

"When we started identifying what operational cost we can cut, we try to protect employees as much as possible," Muña said. "If we do need to do further cuts, our recommendation would be to do a salary cut on personnel."

But, instead of an across-the-board pay cut, Muña recommends a formula. "What we are looking at is, for example, a vice principal before the compensation plan was earning $60,000 and now they are making $93,000. We will get the difference and divide it in half. This way, they will get the cut but won't bring them down to $60,000.

"…The group that we are looking at would be from those earning $23,787 to $125,000 a year," he added.

Muña believes that this method will soften the blow, "most especially among certified staff…

"It would still create an impact but it will be not so hard for the teachers. …In terms of the savings that we will derive from that, we don't have the numbers yet as we just finished the budget hearing," he said.

"If we get the board's blessing on this proposal, we will go back to the table and crunch the number of every single employee, answer questions like what was their salary before the compensation plan and then come up with a revised one," he added.

BOE chair Janice Tenorio, who attended the meeting via a telephonic conference, said that pay cuts will hurt teachers.

"We need to look for other ways of cutting because these teachers are the front-liners that we should not touch. … We need to protect them," she said. "…This is a temporary solution. …I am passionate about our front-liners and I see we are not doing this right."

BOE vice chair Herman Atalig echoed Tenorio's sentiments but, citing the budget cut implemented by the central government, he said it would be quite a feat not to include salary cuts.

"To not to include most people…and maybe teachers in the austerity measure is, to my mind, insane," he said. "The hill that they [government] are giving us to climb is steep that not everyone would survive when we get up there."

In order for PSS not to go in the red, the salary cuts of teachers will be inevitable, Muña said.

He said that most of the money that PSS gets goes to the school level and to pay for its certified staff—"that is where the bulk of the money is."

"So if you want to make cuts and see savings so that we don't end up in the red, that means we have to shift our conversations to include [salary cuts]," he said. "As much as I don't want to cut [the salaries of] our certified staff, eventually we will have to."

BOE member Marylou Ada stressed that the board should be united on this austerity measure. "We are all in this together and we must do it together," she said.

The board has yet to vote on Muna's recommendation on the salary cut for staff.

The next PSS board meeting will be held on May 30, 2019.

Lawmakers eye supplemental budget for PSS

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Much as lawmakers want to give the Public School System the money it needs, but House floor leader Rep. John Paul P. Sablan (R-Saipan) said it is not possible at the moment, as the CNMI is still reeling from the impacts of Super Typhoon Yutu.

At the same time, Rep. Roman C. Benavente (R-Saipan) said the House of Representatives and Senate are working to figure out how to accommodate PSS' budget request.

The Torres administration has proposed to give PSS just $36.7 million in fiscal year 2020. The amount is almost half of the $67 million that PSS is asking for. The administration projects next fiscal year's net resources at just over $147.1 million.

Sablan said that most House members still feel that education is the CNMI's No. 1 investment.

"But we also have to remind PSS and the other educational institutions that they should also play their part in implementing austerity measures until the government is really back on its feet until we can add more revenues that could fund the services provided by the central government," he said.

PSS' budget request for fiscal year 2020 includes $1.5 million that is allotted for salary increases of its teachers and other staff. It also includes a PSS request is for within-grade salary increases. Sablan believes these are "not prudent" for now.

"We have no objection to increasing our teachers' salaries, most especially teachers who are taking post-graduate classes; we acknowledge their effort to gain higher education. But, as of this moment, it is not prudent because of our low resources and revenues. We have to be realistic and work with whatever we have at this time," he said.

He assured that the House of Representatives may come out with a supplemental budget that would help PSS, based on the collection of revenues in this last two quarters.

Sablan pointed out that the Commonwealth still getting back to its feet.

"…We are experiencing financial difficulties, most of it due to Yutu. Revenues in the first two quarters were down, with no tourists coming in after the airport [was] closed for a couple of months. There were no flights coming in and no tourists. We did not generate any [funds] from the tourism industry," said Sablan.

He pointed out that three hotels—Saipan World Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Coral Ocean Point—were badly damaged, resulting in the loss of hotel occupancy taxes, even after the airport resumed accepting flights. "It was a domino effect with other businesses."

Sablan said the austerity measures has been implemented in all three branches of the government—Executive Branch, Legislature, and Judiciary. "All three branches are taking their fair share of these cuts; it is not something that we wanted to do but it is just the real issue right now. …We are adjusting and I know that the administration is implementing full-blown austerity measures. There [is] no travel and there [is a] freeze in hiring and salary increases until we have some kind of revenue…"

Finding ways

Benavente said he said he has already talked to his counterpart, Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan), who is the chairman of the Senate Health, Education, and Welfare Committee.

"If not all, at least we could give [PSS] something, to come to a common ground to alleviate a little bit of the pressure [on] their budget concerns. We consolidate the budget and see where the cuts can be made," said Benavente. "We are going to look at the total volume of the money that is available and…adjust the allocation based on the priorities."

He said they are worried how PSS would operate with limited funds. "Short funding could make it harder for PSS to continue with its functions and operations. And that is what we are worried about."

"We understand that education is economics; we need to invest. The budget [is] short, but we're trying to figure something to help PSS. We are going to figure out something, we're discussing with the Senate."

WORKERS

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Phillip J. Tydingco cited the declaration of Magdalena P. Attao, the company's Human Resources Department vice president, which establishes that the company has workers compensation insurance coverage.

In her declaration, Attao said that IPI had Workers Compensation Insurance in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for its employees.

Tydingco pointed out that the seven workers who are suing IPI would have found out about this even before filing their suit.

He said that using the most minimal due diligence would have easily revealed the existence of IPI's workers compensation policy and the falsity of the allegations that IPI did not secure such insurance coverage.

The lawyer said the exclusivity of the workers compensation law means that the insurance policy issue has to be raised and addressed before the Commonwealth Workers Commission, which decides such matters.

Tydingco said that, since IPI possessed workers compensation insurance, the presumption exists that plaintiffs' claim comes within its coverage.

He said the seven workers can challenge this presumption before the Commonwealth Workers Compensation Commission—not the federal court.

"They have not yet done so," the lawyer said.

Tydingco reiterated IPI's argument in its motion to dismiss the case that Commonwealth law contains a one-year period for filing a claim which comes within the purview of the workers compensation statutory scheme.

He said the only statutory exceptions to this one-year limitation period are if an employer waives the limitation period or if the employee is a minor or suffers from a mental defect.

He said none of the plaintiffs allege or otherwise contend that they filed their claim within one year of their alleged injuries.

Tydingco said the complaint clearly establishes that more than one year has lapsed between the alleged injury of each plaintiff and the filing of this lawsuit against IPI.

Tydingco also pointed out that the seven workers essentially contend in their lawsuit that IPI "benefitted" from the forced labor and trafficking scheme because it was in "danger" of losing its casino license and the forced labor and trafficking schemes enabled IPI to retain its license.

"This contention rests upon conclusory allegations without any credible support," he said, citing that IPI's license cannot be revoked or otherwise terminated without due process, which, among other procedures, requires administrative proceedings by the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

In their amended lawsuit, the seven plaintiffs are suing IPI, its former contractors Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC and MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co. over the injuries they allegedly suffered during accidents at IPI's casino-resort project in Garapan.

They are suing IPI for alleged forced labor in violation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Re-authorization Act, forced labor in violation of the CNMI Anti-Trafficking Act, negligence, and liability for employees of subcontractor.

The workers alleged, among other things, that they were forced to work long hours for below-minimum wage under extremely dangerous conditions at the casino-resort worksite.

The seven plaintiffs are Tianming Wang, Dong Han, Yongjun Meng, Liangcai Sun, Youli Wang, Qingchun Xu, and Duxin Yang.

KARETAN

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a traditional float theme.

He made the *karetan guaka* many years ago but was constantly fixing it and replacing the old, worn-out parts, to ensure that the cart would remain presentable, Pinaula said.

"That's what he liked to do. He was always fixing it and entering it in parades. He enjoyed doing that. He was very cultural," she said.

Pinaula said the cart has since been passed down to her generation and, as part of that tradition, they decided to carry Borja on it for his final ride.

"We thought it would be really nice for him to enjoy a last ride on the bull cart, like what he had always enjoyed doing," she said.

Borja passed away at the age of 90 and had 10 children.

She said Borja had so many grandchildren that it's hard to give an exact number; she estimates that he had about eight-great grandchildren.

The *karetan guaka* was the traditional form of transportation in the Marianas and was introduced to the ancient Chamorro during the Spanish colonial period, according to a Web source.

The cart was used predominantly to carry fish gathered by hunters during this period but, as the years went on, the *karetan guaka* became part of different Chamorro traditions like weddings and funerals.

The carts soon became family heirlooms, passed down from generation to generation, as automobiles started to become the source of transportation.

1 of 4 rob suspects pleads not guilty

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One of the four men accused of robbing two tourists in Garapan pleaded not guilty on Monday.

Grant Iderbei, 18, pleaded not guilty before Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja.

Through his lawyer, Iderbei waived all formal readings of the charges against him and the reading of his constitutional rights.

Naraja ordered Iderbei to return to court on June 20 at 9am for a status conference.

Iderbei appeared in the custody of the Department of Corrections after failing to post the $50,000 cash bail imposed by the court.

Police arrested four men, including Iderbei, and accused them of robbing two tourists in Garapan late night on May 8.

Based on Monday's discussion, one of the suspects is a minor who allegedly lied about his age while the two others were released.

Koban units responded to the incident on May 8 at 11:20pm.

The victims, a tourist couple, told police they were heading back to their hotel when an old model silver four-door sedan pulled alongside them.

The woman said a man in a white shirt and wearing a mask reached out and grabbed her black shoulder bag that contained an iPhone 7, a wristwatch, a Wi-Fi router, and two passports, among other things.

Another woman who witnessed the incident told police that the sedan had four occupants and that the driver had a brown complexion. She further stated that a passenger in a white T-shirt and a mask grabbed the woman's shoulder bag.

An officer later spotted a similarly-colored vehicle heading east. Police pulled the car over and, with the driver's consent, the officer searched the vehicle.

The search uncovered an iPhone 7 and a wristwatch box without the watch.

Police allegedly later recovered other stolen items, including the wristwatch and the power bank, at Iderbei's house in Tanapag. Iderbei allegedly confessed to taking the items.

The recovered items were returned to the victims.

CUC cancels Dandan power outages

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has cancelled the scheduled power interruptions for the Dandan area that were set for Wednesday, May 22, and Thursday, May 23, after CUC's contractor, Primary Source Electric, finished replacing the damaged power lines ahead of schedule.

Primary Source Electric, however, will continue hardening tasks along the power distribution system on the south side of the island, particularly for the San Antonio and Koblerville areas, from May 22 to 25, 2019 as stated in the public advisory that was announced yesterday afternoon. This will be PSE's last work week for the Mitigation Project until their return, which will be announced later.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working areas.

CUC would like to thank the public for their patience and understanding during these past months of scheduled outages. As a result of the hardening tasks, CUC's power distribution system will be stronger and much more reliable during a natural disaster.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(PR)***

Carter: Resolve if GRT applies or not to CUC projects

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter is encouraging the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s project management company and the CNMI Department of Finance to resolve on their own an issue whether or not CUC projects being handled by Gilbane Federal are subject to the CNMI gross receipts tax.

In an order last Friday, Carter said the invoices of Gilbane Federal, as CUC's engineering and environmental management company, include line items for the GRT totaling $10,424.

It is the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation's position that GRT may be applicable to EEMC projects.

Bradley R. O'Brien, the senior trial attorney of the U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section, informed Carter about this potential issue last week in the U.S. government's request for the court to direct payment to the EEMC for several projects.

Carter said O'Brien notified him that talks are ongoing whether the GRT applies to EEMC projects and, if so, the appropriate payment mechanism for the GRT.

For these reasons, the judge said, the combined $10,424 GRT line items were deducted from the U.S. government's payment request.

Consistent with the U.S. government's request, Carter said he is not authorizing GRT payments at this time, although he reserves the future right to do so.

The EEMC's invoices include personnel time and hourly charges incurred relating to the GRT issue.

Carter said the U.S. request for payment describes these GRT charges as not significant and asked the court to approve the invoiced amount, subject to a potential future credit for these payments.

Carter said consistent with the U.S. government's request, he is authorizing payment for personnel time and hourly charges associated with the GRT issue, although he reserves the right to seek future credit for these payments from the EEMC.

Last February, Carter granted the request of the U.S. and the CNMI governments and CUC to extend for one year, or up to February 2021, Gilbane Federal's term as the EEMC that is tasked with overseeing stalled CUC projects.

As EEMC, Gilbane Federal has the power to rapidly complete some stalled CUC projects or help CUC comply with court-mandated projects.

Early this year, Gilbane Federal disclosed that it has now completed seven task orders and made over $2 million in savings for CUC.

Restricted access to Agingan Point sewer plant

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. warned yesterday that the Agingan Point Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was heavily damaged by the Category 5 Super Typhoon Yutu, is still under repair and is still off-limits to the public.

CUC said it has just finished six months of restoration work across the island of Saipan "and we hope the public has seen similar or better service from all of our divisions as a result."

However, there are areas of CUC that are still in the process of being restored and this will require special consideration by the public, guests to the island, and visitors to areas of special interest.

One of those sites is the wastewater treatment plant at Agingan Point. CUC said that elements of the plant and outfall piping are still under repair, which possibly mean that areas may not be safe for the public to go.

CUC said its first priority is the safety of its employees and of any visitors to the Agingan site.

"Therefore, for the foreseeable future, access to the Agingan Point [wastewater treatment plant] will be restricted to plant personnel only and/or authorized visitors with business at the treatment facility.

"Access [to the Agingan Point] will be restricted and off limits for the foreseeable future," a CUC statement said.

For security purposes, the gate at the entrance to the plant will be locked at all times and no one without prior approval or wearing CUC ID tags will be allowed to enter by the guard at the gate.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/DLNR19-RFP-004

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 7, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

AGREEMENT TO FUND, REDESIGN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE MARINA CONCESSION ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works through the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Agreement to Fund, Redesign, Maintain and Operate Marina Concession on behalf of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing. Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Esther S. Fleming, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **April 17, 2019** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office No. 214, Saipan.

A Ore-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Lower Base Conference Room. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Anthony T. Benavente, Secretary of Department of Lands and Natural Resources no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **May 24, 2019**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with §70-30.3-305 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated 2004 Ed. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff – 25%
2. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 35%
4. Schedule of Completion – 15%

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified Firms. Fee proposals may be used in determing a fair and reasonable price.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, *cannot* submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/DLNR19-RFP-004"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and nine (9) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **June 7, 2019** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:30 a.m. local time, **June 7, 2019**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 7, 2019** and may be mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply at P.O. Box 510008 CK, Saipan MP, 96950 AND must be received no later than the close of business, **June 18, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
ACTING SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ JACK S. REYES
DIRECTOR,
PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

/S/ ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE
ACTING SECRETARY OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW19-IFB-014

PALU LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Palu Road Improvement**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 22, 2019** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 7, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 14, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW19-IFB-014"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time June 21, 2019**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 21, 2019**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 21, 2019** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **July 2, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, July 5, 2019**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on July 2, 2019**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission**. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

JACK S. REYES
Acting Director of Procurement & Supply

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pro-life walk/roll on May 24

Grace Christian Ministries Navy Hill is inviting the public to join them for a candlelight prayer walk/roll on Friday, May 24, at 6pm, at the Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Parish church. Its purpose is to pray over the many needs of the island related to the issue of abortion. After the prayer there will be a walk/roll to Quartermaster Road then back to Garapan Fishing Base. ***(PR)***

Public warned about wastewater treatment plant odors

There is currently a sewage odor in the Sadog Tasi, Puerto Rico, Lower Base, Lower Navy Hill, Garapan, San Antonio, and Koblerville areas and this is expected to continue throughout May and June.

According to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the cause of the sewer odor is due to the activation of the temporary clarifier at the Sadog Tasi and Agingan wastewater treatment plants. The temporary clarifier needs additional sludge on the bottom of the basin to properly treat the waste. This process may take about a month or two. As a result, the quality of the effluent discharge into the lagoon will improve.

CUC is also working on lessening the odor around treatment plants to prevent emission of the odor to neighboring areas.

CUC appreciates the public's patience throughout this sewage process and will continue to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers.

Precinct 2 town hall on May 28

Members of the community are invited to join a town hall meeting with Precinct 2 Reps. Christina Sablan and John Paul Sablan next Tuesday, May 28, from 5pm to 7pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The two Precinct 2 representatives will take questions and concerns from constituents, and share updates on legislative issues and precinct activities. All are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call the Office of Rep. Christina Sablan at 664-8829 or the Office of Rep. John Paul Sablan at 664-8965. ***(PR)***

Comments sought on PA Memo on proposed Marine Corps project

ASAN, Guam—Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas announces the availability of a Programmatic Agreement Memo for review and comments through June 30, 2019.

PA Memos provide an opportunity for all members of the community to participate in the Section 106 consultation process required under the National Historic Preservation Act.

The following PA Memo provides new cultural and natural resources information associated with planned construction projects and is available on the NAVFAC Pacific Cultural Information webpage at http://go.usa.gov/kZWG. (Please note the URL is case sensitive):

P-296 Design Studies for P-296 Ordnance Operations Administrative Building, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. This project proposes to conduct project design efforts including geotechnical and topographic surveys for an administrative building on AAFB.

The public may submit comments via email to criwebcomment@navy.mil.

Those without internet access may obtain a printed copy of this PA Memo from the Guam Historic Resources Division at 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, 96910 (in the Department of Parks and Recreation office).

In addition, the public is encouraged to subscribe to regular updates and other information related to the Programmatic Agreement by visiting the Joint Region Marianas website and signing up at https://go.usa.gov/x5BQS. ***(USN)***

Public hearing on mandatory fishery data reporting regs

The Department of Lands and Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife is inviting all fishermen, boat owners, restaurant operators, tour operators and all agencies engaged in commercial fishing on Saipan and, the Northern Islands that there will be a public hearing on the proposed mandatory data reporting regulations under Pubic Law 17-98.

The hearing will be held on May 29, 2019, from 5pm to 6pm at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

Contact DLNR or DFW for inquiries or to get a copy of the draft regulations at 322-9834 or 664-6000. ***(PR)***

SSHS registration for ongoing students

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration forms for ongoing students for SY 2019-2020. Deadline for submission will be on Aug. 21, 2019. All ongoing students must re-register to be enrolled at SSHS. If you have any other questions email Victoria Apatang at victoria.apatang@cnmipss.org. ***(PR)***

MIFICPA seminar on May 25

The Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants will be conducting its "Leadership Values & Management Accounting Seminar" on May 25 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 8am to 12pm. It will be conducted by Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago. Registration fee for members is $15, inclusive of snacks and certificate of attendance. Non-members and non-accountants are also welcome for the same fee. Registration starts at 7:30am.

To facilitate the question-and-answer portion of the seminar, you can pre-register and turn in your question(s) ahead of time through the organizers.

For reservation and more details, email Angie Mamaril (angiehmamaril@yahoo.com), Noemi Catigan (noemi_catigan@fiestasaipan.com), Deo Manese (djmanese @gmail.com), Paul Saniel (paulangelosaniel@hotmail.com), Ronnel Calma (rcalmal@jzgroupinc.com), Jimaela Ham (jvham888@gmail.com). ***(PR)***

Public invited to Islandwide Cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality would like to invite the public to participate in the two-day Islandwide Cleanup on Friday, May 31, from 3pm to 4:30pm and on Saturday, June 1, from 8am to 10am. The event is part of the celebration of Environmental Awareness Week, which will be celebrated on May 28-31, 2019.

If you are interested in participating in the islandwide cleanup, fill up the registration form and submit before 4:30pm on May 21, 2019. Fax the form to BECQ at 664-8540, or email it to the event coordinators:

- Glenn Arriola glennarriola@becq.gov.mp
- Loy Atalig loyatalig@becq.gov.mp
- Emma Iriarte emmairiarte@becq.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

Police checkpoints this week

The CNMI Department of Public Safety will be conducting four checkpoints this week.

Today, May 22, the first checkpoint will be from Chalan Pale Arnold, Garapan to Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Lau Lau from 8am to 11am. The second checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Garapan to Beach Road, San Jose from 3pm to 6pm.

On Friday, May 24, the first checkpoint will be from Beach Road, Garapan to Beach Road, Susupe from 9am to 12pm. The second checkpoint will be from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, San Jose to Isa Drive, San Vicente from 3pm to 6pm.

Locations of the checkpoints were pre-determined based on the number of auto accidents in these areas. ***(PR)***

Fees waived for NMC Cash for College participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshop will qualify to have their NMC fall 2019 admission application fee and placement test fees waived.

The waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

The first Cash for College workshop will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019, at the NMC campus between Buildings N and O, from 9am to 12pm.

On Tinian, the workshop will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at the NMC Tinian Center, from 10am to 2pm.

The purpose of the workshops is to help students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community who are interested in finding money for college.

Workshop participants will be given personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the CNMI Scholarship, municipal scholarships (like the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance), the TEACH Grant, and more.

NMC

Participants in the upcoming Cash for College workshops will qualify to have their NMC fall 2019 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. For more information about the workshops visit www.marianas.edu.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), copy of 2017 and 2018 1040, copy of 2017 and 2018 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792, email daisy.propst@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tel: 234-9661 ⊠ Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 10/04/2018 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2018-3838: Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for its fabrication services. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 005 I 124 in Koblerville. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

2. Conditional Use Application #2018-4302: Top Sheng Investment, LLC is proposing to operate a Powered Paragliding business. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 080 A 01 in Marpi. This area is zoned as Rural.

3. Conditional Use Application #2019-0794: KCG Staff Housing is proposing to occupy a newly constructed structure with 2 studio-type units for staff housing. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 1937 NEW-6 in Chalan Laulau. This area is zoned as Beach Road.

4. Conditional Use Application #2019-1348: Rosario Lucero dba Charing's Kitchen is proposing to operate a Catering Service out of their single family dwelling. This use is classified as "Catering Services" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 005 I 441 in Koberville. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

C. Communication

D. Old Business
1. Update on the ATV, UTV, and Motorcycle Regulation
2. Update on Nuisance Abatement and Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2018

E. New Business
1. Election of Officers
2. Review of Text & Map Amendments to 2013 Saipan Zoning Law
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Joy Y. Silva dba AJ Machine Shop is proposing to occupy an existing one-storey building for its fabrication services. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. E.A. 005 I 124 in Koblerville. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office **before 4:30 pm, May 28, 2019**. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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/s/ Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr., Acting Chairman

NWS warns of flood on Saipan, Tinian

In a welcome relief to a parched Marianas region, the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, issued yesterday a flood advisory for poor drainage areas on Saipan and Tinian.

Based on information received from the NWS and compiled at CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, doppler radar and automated rain gauges at 9:17am yesterday indicate heavy rain causing urban and small stream flooding. "Overflowing poor drainage areas will result in minor flooding across Tinian and Saipan.

"Up to 3 inches of rain have already fallen," the advisory from the CNMI Emergency Operations Center said.

The urban and small stream flood advisory was in effect until 12:15pm yesterday.

The public is being advised to take precautionary/preparedness actions:

■ Turn around, don't drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in vehicles.

■ Excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause flooding of small creeks and streams, urban areas, and streets as well as other low-lying spots.

Additional rainfall of 1 to 2 inches is expected over the area. This additional rain will result in minor flooding.

Residents of Saipan and Tinian are being advised to be mindful of the precautionary/preparedness actions and to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories which will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call CNMI EOC state warning point at 237-8000 or 664-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at high frequency single sideband radio on frequency 5.205.0. ***(Saipan Tribune/PR)***

Scheduled power interruptions

There will be power interruptions on the following dates, times and locations:

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: Dandan
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Sirena Avenue, Atdao Street, Ayuda Street, Tienda Avenue, Sailing Drive, Deskansa Street, Bonta Street and Mestisa Avenue
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: San Antonio
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Road, San Antonio
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: Agingan Treatment Plant and A-16
- ❏ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: San Antonio
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Road, San Antonio
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: Agingan Treatment Plant and A-16
- ❏ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 – 8am to 4pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: Dandan
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Dandan Road Fishing Place, Adios Place, Walking Place, Kattan Hudda Drive, Hook Lane and Parasial Place
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **THURSDAY, May 23, 2019 – 8:30am to 1:30pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized feeder outage on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: Dandan
- ❏ Affected power service area(s): ARFF and Saipan Skydive
- ❏ Water well(s) affected: Isley Wells (IF: 23, 24, 108)
- ❏ Affected water service area(s): None
- ❏ Wastewater lift station(s) affected: None
- ❏ Pole replacement(s): 7

■ **FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: Koblerville
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Road, Koblerville
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 – 7:30am to 6:30pm**
- ❏ Outage type: Sectionalized lateral outage on the Kiya 2 distribution circuit
- ❏ Village location: Koblerville
- ❏ Power service area(s) affected: Chalan Monsignor Road, Koblerville
- ❏ Water service area(s) affected: None
- ❏ Wastewater service area(s) affected: None

Work to be performed: Replace damaged power lines with new power lines

The purpose of the scheduled power interruptions is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contracting company, Primary Source Electric, the ability to safely conduct maintenance associated with the ongoing restoration effort in the aforementioned locations.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(CUC)***

Several military trainings set

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct open-ocean exercises on May 23, from 8am to 4pm within a 10-mile radius of the following coordinates: 13˚27"N/144˚21"E.

Additional open-ocean exercises will take place on May 25, from 12:01am to 8am and from 4pm to 10pm, and on May 26, from 2am to 8am within a 10-mile radius of the following coordinates: 13˚48"N/144˚41"E.

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The U.S. Navy will also conduct training on May 24, from 7am to 8pm, and on May 26, from 7am to 11:59pm, at the island of Farallon de Medinilla.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be within a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

Naval Special Warfare Group 1 will conduct close quarters combat training on May 24-26, from 7am to 6pm, at Radio Barrigada.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that the use of blanks can occur during training at Radio Barrigada.

Units participating in Exercise Pacific Vanguard will conduct training daily on May 23-28, from 12:01am to 11:59pm, at Warning Area 517 (W-517).

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks will be open for public use. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. ***(PR)***

Prayer to St. Rita
ST. RITA
Wife, Mother, Widow, Nun
O Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the Hopeless and even of the Impossible; St. Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of such compassionate love for thy Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from Him whatsoever thou askest, on account of which all confidently have recourse to thee, expecting, if not always relief, at least comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for the spreading of thine own devotion, and for the consolation of those who trust in thee. We promise, if our petition is granted, to glorify thee by making known thy favor, to bless and sing thy praises forever. Relying then upon thy merits and power before the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we pray thee that (here mention your request).
Feast Day: May 22
Patron Saint of: Hopeless cases, victims of abuse and widows.
St. Rita was born in Umbria, Italy, about the year 1386, and died at Cascia, in the year 1456. Being the daughter of parents who were advanced in years, she met with much opposition when she let it be known of her intention of becoming a nun. Yielding to her parents desires, she married a cruel man. After converting him from his wicked ways, he was murdered by criminals. Left alone in the world, she applied several times for admissions into the Augustinian convent in Cascia.
Every application was refused, and God Himself cleared away all obstacles and she entered the convent, made her profession and lived the life of a holy and devout religious for forty-two years, "a shining example of every Christian virtue, pure as a lily, simple as a dove, and obedient as an angel." That "God is wonderful in His saints" is easily proven in the life of St. Rita.
On one occasion Rita requested a rose to be brought to her from her garden at Porena in the middle of winter. The rose was found in full bloom. At another time, she asked for a fig, and the same was found.
The reports of these wonders spread far and wide and people flocked to the convent from all parts of the world, only to receive in return for their faith in God through the prayers of Rita many spiritual and earthly favors. Because of the great number of miracles made possible by St. Rita, she is often called "The Saint of the Impossible."

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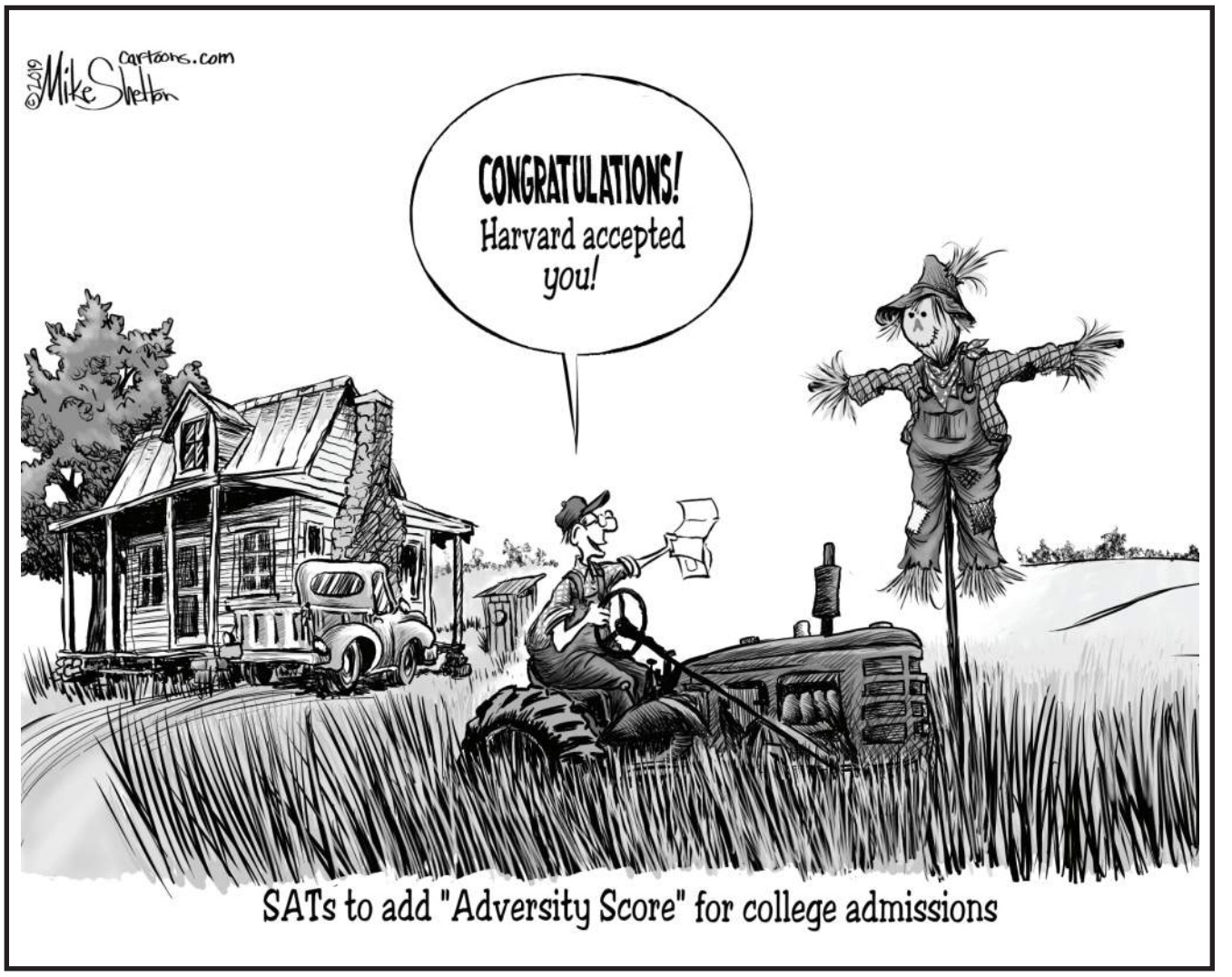
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Questions to ask clothing brands

By ARUNA KASHYAP
Tribune News Service

Last year, I huffed my way up a steep, narrow flight of stairs to meet a man who owned a small garment workshop in western India. The workshop—with about 20 male workers sewing—was hot and stuffy in the punishing Indian summer. But it looked like it was snowing.

The workers and tables were covered in fine cotton fiberdust, which causes or exacerbates respiratory diseases, and they weren't wearing masks. The buzzing of sewing machines was deafening.

The owner pointed out the window to what remained of a nearby building that had burned down, shrugging about the danger of fire hazards. The workers—all migrants from other parts of India—earned a daily wage and lived in the workshop to save on rent.

This is a snapshot of the underbelly of the global apparel industry. The owner said he produced branded clothes for global apparel companies. He proudly showed me the dresses and blouses his workers had sewn. Some were for big-name brands and retailers in the United States that do not disclose their supplier factories online.

Subcontracting to small workshops like this—which typically happens without the company's permission—is a common practice in the apparel industry. At Human Rights Watch, we've found scores of these subcontractor factories in Cambodia and Bangladesh. Workers in these factories often endure far worse working conditions than those in larger factories.

I've spoken to sourcing experts who have worked for decades with numerous global brands. They say many apparel companies make poor estimates of consumer demands and timetables for orders, don't monitor factories' capacities, make last-minute design changes, use buying agents whose practices they don't rigorously monitor, and set unrealistic low prices. Bad purchasing practices contribute to unauthorized subcontracting and other practices that put workers and the companies themselves at risk.

Brands and retailers could take numerous steps to curb these risks. Some do, some don't. Consumers are starting to demand to see what the brands are doing. The more they hear from concerned consumers, the more likely the companies are to act.

A recent survey by the Consumer Goods Forum and Futerra across seven countries revealed that 55 percent of consumers want more information on social, health, environment and safety issues in the manufacturing process. Here are three concrete demands consumers can make:

First, they should ask where clothing and footwear brands make their products. Such disclosure helps workers report abuses to brands when the brand's own monitoring systems fail to detect them. Only a handful of U.S. companies do this today. For more than a decade, Nike and Levi's have been publishing the names, addresses, and other details of factories that produce their wares. Others who do so include New Balance, Disney, Gap, Fruit of the Loom, PVH, Under Armour, and VF Corp.

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'Fighting' disease is the wrong metaphor

By SUNITA PURI
Los Angeles Times

When Alex Trebek, the longtime "Jeopardy" host, revealed to the world that he'd been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer this spring, his statement echoed the words of many patients I've treated.

"I'm going to fight this," Trebek promised. "I plan to beat the low survival statistics for this disease."

Though I mourned his diagnosis, I also winced at his use of the familiar language of "fighting" and "beating" cancer. As a palliative care physician, I know patients can find it empowering to describe their approach to illness as a battle. But others have shown me that the language of "fighting" a disease or "giving up" is a toxic binary. It divides the sick into winners and losers—those who beat cancer and those whom cancer beats.

This militaristic approach to sickness is perhaps rooted in the notion that our personal outlook on disease can change our biological outcomes. But in my experience, these words just as often stand in the way of honest, vulnerable conversations about fear and anxiety, and the peace and dignity most people want as an illness worsens. For some, fighting words are armor that doubles as a veil. What they mask is what interests me.

One of my patients, a woman in her 50s named Janey, recently declared that she wasn't about to "wave the white flag." Diagnosed two years earlier with stomach cancer that had spread to her liver and bones, Janey came to the hospital with severe pneumonia. Once a personal trainer, she had lost so much weight that I could wrap my fingers around her upper arm. Surgery and multiple rounds of chemotherapy hadn't kept her cancer from growing. But knowing this didn't stop Janey from asking about the next surgery or medication she could have.

"I might look weak, but I want to keep fighting," she told me, squeezing her husband's hand. I asked her to help me understand what that meant to her.

Had I met Janey seven years ago, when I was still a medical resident, I wouldn't have had the courage to probe for a deeper explanation. When I didn't know any better, I performed CPR on dying patients because they'd told me they wanted "to fight till the last breath." Using ventilators and dialysis, I prolonged the deaths of patients who told me they wanted "everything" done.

I thought I was honoring their wishes. I see now that I didn't actually know their wishes; I'd projected on to them my own notion of what fighting disease meant—maintaining life even at the cost of its quality. I couldn't see that although a patient might call herself a fighter, perhaps her body simply couldn't battle anymore.

When I sat down next to Janey and asked her to define "fighting," she cried. "I feel like if I don't do every single treatment possible, it'll be like giving up on my family," she said. "But being here in the hospital keeps me away from them."

Getting chemotherapy and going to the hospital had begun to make her increasingly anxious. Blood tests hurt more and more as her veins became harder to find. She hyperventilated during an MRI, fearing the results. When she became dizzy and passed out in the hospital, she'd wanted to ask her oncologist if she was dying, but she couldn't bring herself to project anything other than a positive outlook. "I'm not a quitter," she told me, "but I think fighting this is killing me."

"Keep the faith and we will win," Trebek said in his statement. It's a sentiment that patients and doctors alike cling to when an illness advances despite our best efforts to restrain it. But could it be freeing rather than disempowering to understand that the body—born of nature and subject to its laws—has its limits? That no matter how strong our determination to live, our bodies will eventually die?

If the language we use reflects our cultural attitudes, then our perspective on illness and death, and the metaphors we use to discuss them, must evolve together. Maybe cancer and heart disease and organ failure aren't battles to win or lose, but simply illnesses that we strive to treat. Maybe a patient living with cancer isn't a warrior, but simply a human being struggling to live well and survive while contending with her mortality. Our bodies and lives are infinitely more than battlegrounds.

Janey couldn't loosen her grip on the terms "fighting" and "giving up," but she came to realize that her focus on outsmarting cancer had compromised her sources of joy: helping her daughter with her homework, taking drives with her husband along the Pacific Coast Highway, working her way through the stack of books on her nightstand. After two more hospitalizations for pneumonia, Janey enrolled in hospice. She told me that fighting for her comfort—being at home, lucid and free of pain—mattered more to her than pursuing the clinical trial her oncologist had mentioned.

However limiting it may be, I know I will continue to hear the language of war from my patients. And like an accidental linguist, I will keep examining it for its true meaning. The fight for our lives shouldn't result in the loss of the lives we want to lead. Challenging and even resisting such fighting language might help us to see

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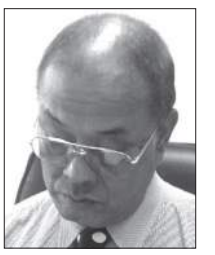

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Guaha `nai oppan palabra `sino sentimentun tautauta gi `nos kuantus asuntu. Hu ekuñgug para bai komprende haf` i attikulu espesiatmente i "figan" gi haf` mansañgan.

Guaha `nai in` ekuñgug sinsiyu i "figan" gi finu un` namase`? Haf` fino`ña? Haf` na ekspressiu gaige gi mataña? Sinsiyu na finaisen ayudu? Haf` ineppemu? Un` ayuda pat sumeha hau pot aplacha`, popblek yan disareglau i prohimu?

Mauleg tafan eyag man-ekuñgug "figan" gi haf` mansañgan kosake ta kemprende haf` iniguñg i mas mamopble na tautauta siha guine. Estague` na grupu i man-namase` ni magahet munesessita ayudu sin kuestion.

Ti obligau na in` hiñgug i figan lau mauleg ta kontinua umekstende ayuduta guatu gi mas munesessita ausiliu. Che`chu` kilisyanu yan kutturan ina`ayuda gi unu yan todus.

Guaha ayudu mapetsige pot kase 15-mit na empleau guine ni gumagana suetdun popble? Hafa mapetsige pot este na asuntu?

Minaipe: Gi fina` konbetsasion guaha `nai hu huñgug mamente ayu na palabra i "minaipe". Kulan balutan matdision ni poduñg gi un` prohimu(ma) `nai hinegse balutan binibun tautau.

Kumeke ilegña lamegai hana` fan pinite pot chechu` tailaye. Gi birada, guiya chumahlau binibun todu gi hechuran "minaipe".

Mas fotte minaipen espiritu. Pot fabot sa` huli`e fuetsaña ni makat ta chanda ginen fuetsata mismu. Siñkuenta buettas mas metgut ke fuetsan tautau!

Minaipe mafattu kulan mohon tarehamu mana` pagamientu ni mismu kastigu ni un` hasñgune otru gi dirichoña. Finu` manamku` chamu chechegue haf` tiyamu na un` machogue mismu.

Siñiente: Kada unu mana`e abilidatña mañiente. Sinede hau umatan yan pumesa haf` para umasusede gi asuntu siha gi ha`animu. Megai besis dinanche haf` gaige gi siñienteta. Guaha lokue` `nai masge`.

Guaha `nai hagacha` hit ta hassu un` patgonta ni gaige gi chagu ya tatayuyute na todu felis. Mas este na sentimentu gi nanan guma`. Sentidu.

Siñiente hasan huli`e lache. Hombre i para u falofan i tautau gi fihonhu libianu bai taitai lepbloña antes de u faliñgu tatalo`ña. Gaige siñiente gi konsensiamu, silensiu. Metgut na patte giya hagu.

Ayu na siñiente na`mañau i finatoigue hau silensiu gi oran deskansu. Taya` anunsiu `sino dineskute fuera ke ha lachuggue` gi hinassomu para un` ebalua dibuenamente. Gai tinaduñg i asuntu mina` silensiu finattoña.

**Ina`ayuda:** Agradesiyun kutturan natibu gi bandan ina`ayuda yan yine`ase`. Tatnai huli`e ta upus un` kilisyanu ni munesessita ayudu. Mangeftau hit na tautague gi namase` na prohimuta.

Todu i tiempu ta ekstende kanaita man-ayuda kumu kustumbren tanu`. Tat mas namagof ke unna`e prohimu-mu ayudu gi dichu oran nesessidat.

Huñgan, guaha siha ayudun federat gi bandan neñkanu` yan fanliheñg. I ayudu ni tasasañgan ti maplaneha lau un` mattit hau pot i otru. Mauleg na bendision u fattu giya hagu para anaku` na tiempu kontodu tinattemu. Magahet sen manna`e i Saina gi haye humassu prohimuña piot popble na kilisyanu.

Kanta: Hu huñgug un` kantot ha fafama na Guahan, Saipan, Tinian yan Luta tanu` man-chamoru ya Guahan i mas bonitu na isla. Fan atan gi hilu` amtau na eskalera amigu haf` un` sasañgan.

Opiñionmu hagu la`mun lau fatsu fino`mu ni mauleg para tropan muron. Haf` na un` upus tautau mame Karolinas? Haye muna`e hau atoridat dumisplanta tautau mame? Kau pot minoria na un` hasñgun umupus ham?

Sentidu i asuntu gi manera `nai un` dopbla palabramu. Insuttu! Huñgan, gi finu` Chamorun Guahan "ti mamare`u hit" kase na malefa hau suanu na usun palabra. Anog na kontodu liñguahimu maliñgu hau mismu!

Klaru: Mientras in` nanañga finattun un` talayeru, sige i konbetsasion asuntun tautauta siha. Hu disidi umekuñgug pot para bai komprende umesgin mamanu mage i dichu sentimentun tautauta gi asuntun niha, diariu.

Estague` na eskalera klaru masañgan haf` i asuntu yan haf` gaige gi hinassun niha. Dichu sentimentu ginen i señgsuñg. Sige maluga` huyuñg siñienten niha sin ditension.

Ayu` nai hututuhun muna` fan a`chetun i asuntun tautauta siha ni sessu manma-upus ni empleau gobietnu yan man-ma`gas.

Sumehayu` para bai pesa haye mangaige yan haf` tinatten niha i los probes. `Nos kuantus magahet munesessita ayudu sin ditension. Palu pot man-yomahlau na man-mamatkilu pot ayudu.

Huna` fan metgut sensian niha na u fañguentus `an ayudu manesessita! `An para umafatkiluye pues siempre manmaupus sin ayudu.

Karera: Pot gineftauta mina` mafattu tatte gi hechuran suette i ayuduta gi otru prohimuta. `An guaha suetteta guse`ña tana`e prohimuta ke para ta bende pot kutturan ina`ayuda `nai mafondu este na kustumbren tanu`.

Kuantu biahe malagnus i hagas piniloghu para uttimu nesessidat. Gigon guaha che`lu umuguñg hu lagnus ensegidas kepbleghu ya huna`e. Magofñayu` lumi`e felis hinanauña ke u famadese pot mama`yu` i Judeus!

Finu` man-amku` "ti un` nina` riku" `an un` ñega man-ayuda! Piot ya tainina` siña i prohimu ni munesessita ayudumu. Mas kontentu hau `an unna`e pot nesessidatña. Kontodu deskanso-mu felis!

**Matuge`:** Professot liñguahe gi enteru Pasifiku mañgonfotme na i matuge` na finu` natibu i mas ma`ug gi manala`la kuttura petpetuamente.

Yangin siña i patgon hatuge` un` sentensia gi liñguahiña todu dinanche pues gaige giya guiya hila` nanaña petmanente. Namagof `an kontodu matuge` na finu` tanu` tafana`gue famaguonta.

Debi tapega giya siha haf` sustansian niha kumu natibun mandikiki` siha na isla. Presisu na siña matuge` liñguahen niha mismu! I primera sahyan kuttura i liñguahen natibu gi todu kinalamten!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to two Keikos

During Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month I would like to honor and pay respect to two Keikos. Both were born in Japan and both have given many years of service to the Pacific Islands.

U.S. Sen. Mazie Keiko Hirono from Hawaii, whose Japanese name is Hirono Keiko, was born in Japan in November 1947 and served in the Hawaii House of Representatives from 1981 to 1995.

She was the 9th lieutenant governor of Hawaii from 1994 to 2002. She became a U.S. senator in 2013 and was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden.

She is loved by Hawaiians and is a great leader and inspirational spokesperson for the Pacific region. Readers can find her biographical information online where they can read about her and her family's struggles growing up in Japan and Hawaii.

The second Keiko I would like to honor and pay respect to is Sensei Keiko Manglona, whose Japanese name is Yoshimoto Keiko. She is a resident of Tinian.

Sensei, as she is known by her students and teaching colleagues, retired in February this year, after 38 years of service in the CNMI Public School System.

Despite personal tragedy—with the loss of her husband, George Manglona, in a tragic boating accident—Keiko persevered and persisted. She continued teaching on Saipan and Tinian and raised four young children at home. She taught at Marianas High School from 1980 to 1988 and started teaching at the Tinian High School in 1989. For the next 30 years she taught Japanese language, art, and culture to two generations on Tinian. Among her former students are current CNMI Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider, former CNMI House representative and current Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan, and former attorney general and Tinian mayor Joey P. San Nicolas.

Aside from her teaching career, Sensei has initiated and coordinated many cultural activities with her THS Japanese Club. She led students many times to visit Hiroshima, Japan, which was bombed from Tinian. She has worked for years coordinating visits to Tinian from survivors, families, and relatives of Okinawans and other Japanese who lived and passed away here in World War II.

In my opinion (this is an Opinion page) Sensei should be commended and honored for her more than three decades of service (38 years) to education and the Japanese Pacific community. Honor and respect should come from the Marianas Visitors Authority, the CNMI Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and the Japanese Consulate.

In a recent chat with Keiko, she said, "To be a teacher, the most important thing is to love students." I can assure the readers of this letter that love for her is reciprocated by her students and former colleagues. With all due respect and sincerity, I am proud to have worked with such a great colleague and friend, Sensei Keiko Manglona.

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly
San Jose, Tinian

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Second, consumers should ask brands and retailers to publish their policies on responsible purchasing. Demanding to see a policy will spur companies that don't have one to create one.

Third, consumers should press brands and retailers to disclose how they are ranked on their purchasing practices by their suppliers. Better Buying, an industry monitoring group, allows suppliers to anonymously rank brands' purchasing practices and publishes reports. Brands and retailers should cooperate with Better Buying and publish a summary of their scores.

Garment companies' business practices have long been shrouded in secrecy. But consumers and investors have the power to insist on greater openness, and better treatment for the workers who make their clothes.

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more clearly that one person's choice for hospice can be just as courageous as another's choice to enroll in a clinical trial.

Janey, back at home, sent me a photo of her family gathered around their dinner table, another of her daughter's perfect report card. She emailed, wondering whether patients who step away from the fight die sooner than those who soldier on. Her husband called one month later to tell me that she had died in her sleep, alert and clear-minded until the end.

"I think she came to see that letting go and giving up aren't the same thing," he wrote to me. I keep his card taped to my desk.

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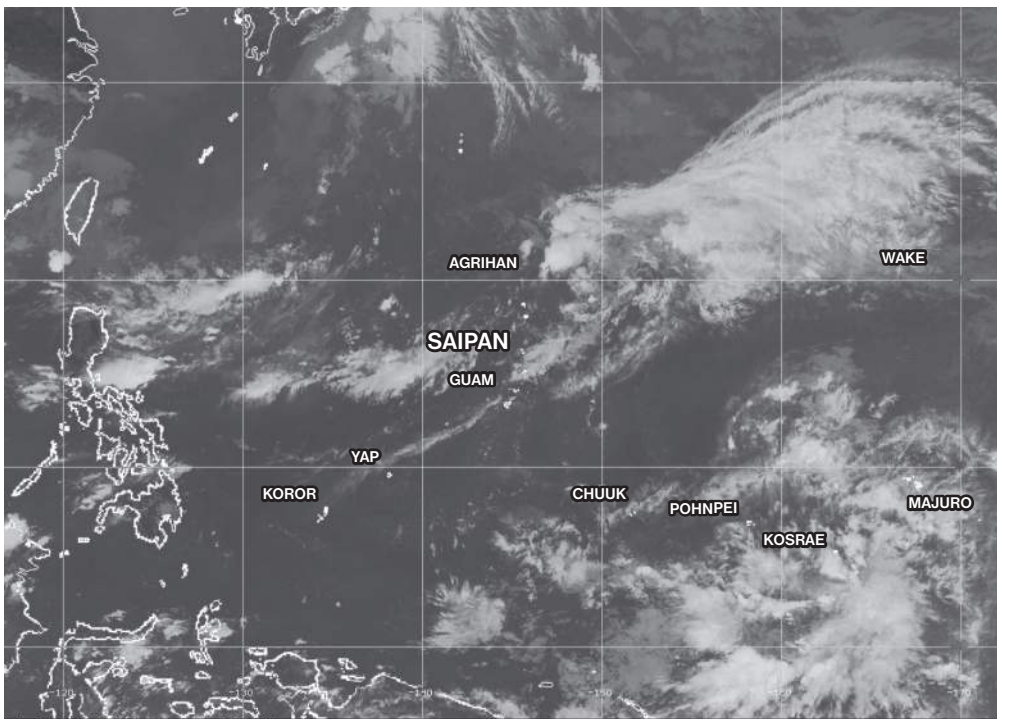
5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.
88° 79°	88° 79°	90° 70°	90° 70°	90° 70°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:29 AM, TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

South to southwest winds and isolated thunderstorms prevail over the Marianas this morning. Scattered showers could be found over Tinian and Saipan.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Yap	Partly Cloudy	88° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	87° / 81°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Majuro	Cloudy	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	64° / 55°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	99° / 66°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	82° /79°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	88° / 74°
London	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 52°
Los Angeles	Cloudy	65° / 56°
Manila	Thunderstorms	91° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	64° / 52°
Miami	Windy	84° / 77°
New York	Cloudy	72° / 64°
Osaka	Sunny	82° / 64°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 55°
Busan	Sunny	81° / 64°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	72° / 54°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	93° / 69°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 53°
Seoul	Sunny	84° / 57°
Tokyo	Sunny	82° / 63°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	87° / 71°

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
4:17 AM	LOW TIDE	1.18
8:49 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.80
4:19 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.31
11:30 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.86

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:40 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:41 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:27 AM	9:47 PM
Thursday	-	9:19 AM	10:37 PM
Friday	-	10:11 AM	11:23 PM
Saturday	-	11:01 AM	-
Sunday	12:06 AM	11:51 AM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2019

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:56am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 3, 5, 7
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ62	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 4, 5
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:55am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:10am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:12am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	09:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 3, 4
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	6, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:55pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	00:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

KTGA Beach Cleanup

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Two of the 12 members of the Korean Tour Guide Association pick up cigarette butts and other small pieces of trash during a beach cleanup from San Antonio Beach to Pacific Islands Club last Sunday.

The Korean Tour Guide Association hopes to do more beach cleanups to keep the surroundings clean for residents and tourists alike.

Members of the Korean Tour Guide Association saw a lot of trash and broken glasses along the beach, prompting them to organize the cleanup.

Several Korean Tour Guide Association members pick up small pieces of trash.

Korean Tour Guide Association members comb the stretch of San Antonio Beach for broken glasses and other trash.

Some people just leave their trash, even putting them inside a tree trunk.

The bags of trash that Korean Tour Guide Association collected during their cleanup.

It was a group effort in completing the beach cleanup.

A Korean Tour Guide Association member pours the remaining contents of a beer can before putting it inside the plastic bag.

Korean Tour Guide Association members pose for a group photo after their cleanup.

Business

‘Medicare for All’s’ rich benefits ‘leapfrog’ other nations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Generous benefits. No copays. No need for private policies. The “Medicare for All” plan advocated by leading 2020 Democrats appears more lavish than what’s offered in other advanced countries, compounding the cost but also potentially broadening its popular appeal.

While other countries do provide coverage for all, benefits vary.

But the Medicare for All plan from Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders would charge no copays or deductibles for medical care, allowing only limited cost-sharing for certain prescription drugs. Sanders would cover long-term care home and community-based services. Dental, vision and hearing coverage would be included. The House version of the legislation is along similar lines.

“Medicare for All proposals would leapfrog other countries in terms of essentially eliminating private insurance and out-of-pocket costs, and providing very expansive benefits,” said Larry Levitt, a health policy expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. “It raises questions about how realistic the proposals are.”

Shifting the sprawling U.S. health care system to a government-run “single-payer” plan is one of the top issues in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary, but the candidates are divided. Some have endorsed Sanders’ call, while others want to expand coverage within the current mix of private and government insurance. Independent studies estimate Medicare for All would dramatically increase government spending, from $25 trillion to $35 trillion or more over 10 years. It stands no chance with Republicans controlling the White House and the Senate, but it is getting hearings in the Democratic-led House.

AP

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is joined by Democratic Senators and supporters as he arrives for a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017, to unveil their Medicare for All legislation to reform health care.

Economist Sherry Glied, dean of New York University’s Wagner school of public policy, says the offer of generous benefits may be needed to persuade Americans satisfied with employer coverage that they would be better off in a new government plan.

“You are going to have to be very generous if you want this to be politically appealing to lots of people,” said Glied, who was a senior health care adviser in the Obama administration.

Glied says components like benefits, copayments and deductibles would all be negotiable.

“People put out talking points and then they see what Congress is willing to swallow,” said Glied. “Who knows where it would come out in the end.”

A second congressional hearing on Medicare for All is scheduled Wednesday before the House Budget Committee. Votes this year appear unlikely. The plan is a punching bag for Republicans trying to tag Democrats as “socialists.”

In a statement, Sanders’ office said it’s fair for the senator to compare Medicare for All to what other countries have because “all those other countries guarantee health care as a right,” as his plan would.

“Sen. Sanders believes providing comprehensive coverage through the government to all residents is the best way to do it,” said the statement.

If the legislation were to advance to votes, “we will hear out concerns from our colleagues and work with them to get this bill passed,” the statement continued. “But we are very clear about what we want and what this country needs. Insurance company CEOs are going to pay well before the American people are.”

Two recent reports have called attention to differences among countries that cover everyone and are often held up as models for Medicare for All.

A report from the Congressional Budget Office will be the focus of Wednesday’s House hearing. Another report, for the nonpartisan Commonwealth Fund, was written by Glied. Among its findings: Other countries don’t necessarily take the same approach as Medicare for All, using a range of strategies to cover all their residents.

“Currently, single-payer bills in the U.S. tend to share the same key goals: centralizing...the system, expanding the public benefits package and eliminating private health insurance entirely,” the Commonwealth report said. “However, these three features are not the norm across countries that have achieved universal coverage for health care.”

Huawei apt to be stripped of Google services after US ban

Huawei could quickly lose its grip on the No. 2 ranking in worldwide cellphone sales after Google announced it would comply with U.S. government restrictions meant to punish the Chinese tech powerhouse.

The Trump administration’s move, which effectively bars U.S. firms from selling components and software to Huawei, ups the ante in a trade war between Washington and Beijing that partly reflects a struggle for global economic and technological dominance.

Google said it would continue to support existing Huawei smartphones but future devices will not have its flagship apps and services, including maps, Gmail and search. Only basic services would be available for future versions of the Android operating system on Huawei’s smartphones.

Though the U.S. Commerce Department grants exceptions, the ban announced last week on all purchases of U.S. technology is thus apt to badly hurt Huawei, analysts say.

Washington claims Huawei poses a national security threat, and its placement on the so-called Entity List by the Trump administration last week is widely seen as intended to persuade resistant U.S. allies in Europe to exclude Huawei equipment from their next-generation wireless networks, known as 5G.

“This is major crisis for Huawei. Instead of being the world’s largest handset manufacturer this year, it will struggle to stay two, but probably fall behind,” analyst Roger Entner said. “How competitive is a smartphone without the most well-known and popular apps?”

Huawei will likely use its own, stripped-down version of Android, whose basic code is provided free of charge by Google. But the Mountain View, California, company said Huawei would not be authorized to use other Google software and services if the sanctions go forward as announced.

Google could seek exemptions, but would not comment on whether it planned to do so.

China’s pig disease outbreak pushes up global pork prices

BEIJING (AP)—Hong Kong retiree Lee Wai-man loves pork fresh from the market but eats a lot less now that the price has jumped as China struggles with a deadly swine disease that has sent shockwaves through global meat markets.

China produces and consumes two-thirds of the world’s pork, but output is plunging as Beijing destroys herds and blocks shipments to stop African swine fever. Importers are filling the gap by buying pork as far away as Europe, boosting prices by up to 40% and causing shortages in other markets.

“I’m a fresh-pork lover, but it’s too expensive,” Lee, 87, said as she shopped at a Hong Kong market.

African swine fever doesn’t harm humans but is fatal and spreads quickly among pigs. It was first reported in August in China’s northeast. Since then, 1 million pigs have died and the disease has spread to 31 of China’s 34 provinces, according to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

The outbreak’s scale is unprecedented, said Dirk Pfeiffer, a veterinary epidemiologist at the City University of Hong Kong.

“This is probably the most complex animal disease we have ever had to deal with,” Pfeiffer said.

China’s shortfall is likely to be so severe it will match Europe’s annual pork output and exceed U.S. production by 30%, industry researchers say.

“Everyone wants to import as much pork as possible,” said industry analyst Angela Zhang of IQC Insights. She said the trend is likely to accelerate as Chinese production falls.

That’s a boost for farmers in Germany, Spain and other countries with healthy pigs but hard on families in Southeast Asia and other poor markets that rely on pork for protein.

This year’s Chinese pork output might fall by up to 35%, according to Rabobank, a Dutch bank.

Global supplies will be “redirected to China,” the bank’s researchers said in an April report. It said the “unprecedented shift” in trade will likely cause shortages in other markets.

Grocery shoppers in Germany, Japan and other high-income markets grumble at paying more for kielbasa or tonkatsu, but short supplies are a serious concern in places such as Cambodia where pork is the only meat many families can afford.

Cambodia’s live hog price jumped 37% in the past six months, according to Srun Pov, president of the Cambodia Livestock Raiser Association. He said the country is buying about 30% of its daily needs of 500-600 tons from Thailand.

“Pork is important to us,” said Chhe Pich as a butcher weighed her purchase in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh. “Even though the current price is a bit high, I have to buy it to serve my family.”

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
25,679.90	2,840.23	7,702.38
−84.10	−19.30	−113.91
.33%	0.67%	1.46%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.4534	Hong Kong Dollar	7.8491	Russian Ruble	64.3900
British Pound	0.7857	Indian Rupee	69.0486	Singapore Dollar	1.3761
Canadian Dollar	1.3429	Japanese Yen	110.1770	South Korean Won	1172.79
Chinese Yuan	6.7803	Malaysian Ringgit	4.1403	Swiss Franc	1.0094
Euro	0.8962	New Zealand Dollar	1.5358	Taiwan Dollar	30.9377
		Philippine Peso	51.5616	Thailand Baht	31.8255

Nation

Tornadoes, storms in the Plains not as bad as feared

The underpass on north Grand is closed due to high water in Enid, Okla., Monday, May 20, 2019. AP

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An intense storm system moved across the Southern Plains on Monday, spawning a tornadoes that caused scattered damage and a deluge of rain but not the "particularly dangerous" twisters that forecasters had feared.

No injuries were reported.

The biggest threat late Monday and into Tuesday was flash flooding from torrential rains that accompanied the storms, forecasters said.

The National Weather Service had warned that Monday evening could bring perilous weather to a large swath of western Texas, most of Oklahoma and southern Kansas. The storm was expected to move later Monday into western Arkansas.

As predicted, more than a dozen sightings of tornadoes were reported in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Missouri early Monday evening, although they were in sparsely populated areas. Oklahoma residents were particularly nervous Monday because it was the sixth anniversary of a massive tornado in Moore, south of Oklahoma City, that killed 24 people.

A tornado struck western and northern portions of the southwestern Oklahoma town of Mangum on Monday afternoon. Glynadee Edwards, the Greer County emergency management director, says some homes incurred roof damage and the high school's agriculture barn was destroyed, but the livestock survived.

"The pigs are walking around wondering what happened to their house," she said.

Emergency officials reported a tornado near Lucien, in northern Oklahoma, severely damaging a house and destroying a barn. One storm cell near Crescent, 32 miles north of Oklahoma City, spawned twin tornadoes.

National Weather Service meteorologist John Pike in Norman, Oklahoma, said a developing layer of relatively warm air aloft late Monday afternoon and evening over central Oklahoma was capping development of the kind of supercells that spawned tornadoes earlier in the afternoon in western and northern Oklahoma. Storm cells that did develop, however, followed one after the other in what is called "training," leading to scattered reports of flash flooding Monday night.

The Storm Prediction Center website shows the main severe thunderstorm threat Tuesday will be over Missouri and northern Arkansas, with a slight threat in a surrounding area bounded by Dallas; Springfield, Illinois; Garden City, Kansas; and Oklahoma City.

The threat of nasty weather had prompted measures to prepare for the worst. School districts in Oklahoma City, nearby Norman and elsewhere in Oklahoma canceled classes with forecasts of hail and wind gusts of up to 80 mph (128 kph). A flood watch was in effect for the greater Oklahoma City region. Schools in Abilene and elsewhere in West Texas sent students home early.

Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City moved several planes to other military installations in anticipation of storm damage. Meanwhile, state workers in several Oklahoma counties were sent home early.

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt said in a statement that the state emergency operations center was activated and urged motorists not to drive around barricades or into flooded roadways.

In Oklahoma City, emergency management officials opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center, an underground bunker on the city's northeast side that serves as a clearinghouse for coordinating information about severe weather events and other major emergencies.

Some flights at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City were canceled to avoid damage to aircraft and the possibility of extended delays elsewhere.

The Monday storms followed a spate of tornadoes in the Southern Plains on Friday and Saturday, leaving widespread damage and some people injured.

California eyes health care for immigrants in US illegally

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Lilian Serrano's mother-in-law had lots of stomach problems, but she always blamed food.

Doctors at a San Diego-area clinic suspected Genoveva Angeles might have cancer, but they could not say for sure because they did not have the equipment to test for it and Angeles, who had been in the country illegally for 20 years, could not afford to see a specialist and did not qualify for state assistance because of her immigration status.

In September, Angeles finally learned she had gallbladder cancer. Serrano said she was in the hospital room when Angeles, in her late 60s, died about two weeks later.

"We don't know if she would have survived treatment, but she was not even able to access it," said Serrano, chairwoman of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium.

"She never had a chance to fight cancer."

Stories like that have prompted California lawmakers to consider proposals that would make the state the first in the nation to offer government-funded health care to adult immigrants living in the country illegally. But the decision on who to cover may come down to cost.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to spend about $98 million a year to cover low-income immigrants between the ages of 19 and 25 who are living in the country illegally.

The state Assembly has a bill that would cover all immigrants in California living in the country illegally over the age of 19. But Newsom has balked at that plan because of its estimated $3.4 billion price.

"There's 3.4 billion reasons why it is a challenge," he said.

5th migrant child dies after detention by US border agents

HOUSTON (AP)—A 16-year-old Guatemala migrant who died Monday in U.S. custody had been held by immigration authorities for six days—twice as long as federal law generally permits—then transferred him to another holding facility even after he was diagnosed with the flu.

The teenager, identified by U.S. Customs and Border Protection as Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, was the fifth minor from Guatemala to die after being apprehended by U.S. border agents since December.

Advocates demanded that President Donald Trump's administration act to safeguard the lives of children in detention as border crossings surge and the U.S. Border Patrol detains thousands of families at a time in overcrowded facilities, tents, and outdoor spaces.

"We should all be outraged and demand that those responsible for his well-being be held accountable," said Efrén Olivares, a lawyer with the Texas Civil Rights Project.

"If these were white children that were dying at this rate, people would be up in arms," he said. "We see this callous disregard for brown, Spanish-speaking children."

John Sanders, CBP's acting commissioner, said in a statement that his agency was "saddened by the tragic loss of this young man and our condolences are with his family."

"CBP is committed to the health, safety and humane treatment of those in our custody," Sanders said.

Border Patrol agents said Carlos was apprehended on May 13 in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley after crossing the border illegally. He was taken to the agency's central processing center in McAllen, Texas, a converted warehouse where hundreds of adults and children are held in large, fenced-in pens and sleep on mats.

CBP said Carlos was processed as a minor unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Federal law and CBP's guidelines generally require that unaccompanied youth be transferred within three days to a facility operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A CBP official who declined to be named in order to brief reporters said Carlos was awaiting transfer to HHS custody on Thursday, three days after his apprehension. At the time of his death, Carlos was supposed to be sent to Southwest Key Casa Padre, a 1,400-person facility inside an old Walmart in Brownsville, Texas, the official said.

Mark Weber, a spokesman for HHS, did not address in a statement why the teenager wasn't transferred sooner, but said a "minority of cases exceeding 72 hours have generally involved exceptional circumstances."

CBP said Carlos reported early Sunday morning that he was not feeling well and diagnosed with the flu by a nurse practitioner.

He was prescribed the medicine Tamiflu, then transferred later Sunday to the Border Patrol station at Weslaco, Texas, to prevent his flu from spreading to other detainees.

He was not hospitalized, according to the agency official who briefed reporters. The official said CBP facilities have medical providers who can monitor detainees, though the official did not know what specific symptoms Carlos had.

Carlos had last been checked an hour before he was found unresponsive.

Asked about the death, Trump blamed Democrats, saying they are refusing to approve changes that could improve the system.

"The Democrats are really making it very, very dangerous for people by not approving simple quick 15 minutes legislation, we could have it all worked out," Trump said.

His administration has called for legislation that would allow it to detain migrant families for longer and expedite deportations, which Democrats oppose

The FBI is investigating the latest migrant death, as are local police and the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general.

Asia

South Korea vows to send aid to North quickly, may send food

AP
In this May 17, 2019, photo, North Korean farmers plant rice seedlings in a field at the Sambong Cooperative Farm, South Pyongan Province, North Korea.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea vowed Monday to move quickly on plans to provide $8 million worth of medical and nutritional aid for North Korean children through U.N. agencies while it also considers sending broader food aid to the country, which says it is suffering its worst drought in decades.

Lee Sang-min, spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry, said the government will discuss its plans with the World Food Program and the United Nations Children's Fund, through which the aid would be provided, so it reaches North Korean children and pregnant women quickly. South Korea is also trying to build public and political support for providing wider food aid to North Korea, either directly or through the WFP.

North Korea's state media said last week that the country was suffering its worst drought in more than a century amid reported food shortages.

"The government will first discuss with international organizations over the provision of aid and take measures so that the support arrives (in North Korea) quickly," Lee said. "On the matter of direct aid, we will consider the matter while sufficiently garnering the opinions of our citizens."

South Korean President Moon Jae-in has expressed hopes that aid will help revive diplomacy and engagement with North Korea, which tapered off after a nuclear summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump in February broke down because of differences over sanctions relief and disarmament steps. Kim has since declared that the Trump administration has until the end of the year to come up with mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage the negotiations.

While the United States has urged allies to maintain economic pressure on North Korea until it takes material steps toward relinquishing its nuclear weapons, White House spokesman Sarah Sanders recently said Washington has no plan to "intervene" if South Korea moves forward with food aid.

But Moon's government has yet to decide on concrete plans amid growing public frustration over Kim's government, which recently resumed short-range missile tests that were apparently aimed at pressuring Washington and Seoul.

It is also unclear whether any aid package from South Korea would influence the behavior of North Korea, which has been demanding much bigger concessions from the South, such as resuming inter-Korean economic projects currently held back by the U.S.-led sanctions against the North. A North Korean propaganda website last week described the South Korean proposals for humanitarian aid as disrespectful and said Seoul was trying to sidestep fundamental issues with "hollow talk and boastful credit-taking."

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said last Wednesday that an average of 54.4 millimeters (2.1 inches) of rain fell in North Korea from January to early May, which it said was the lowest level since 1982. Two days later, the state-run Rodong Sinmun newspaper said the average precipitation of 56.3 millimeters (2.2 inches) from January to May 15 was the country's lowest since 1917.

U.N. food agencies said earlier this month that about 10 million people were facing "severe food shortages" after one of North Korea's worst harvests in a decade.

North Korean state media are urging farmers to do their best with what they have, to grow as much as possible this year. The Rodong Sinmun urged North Korean farmers on Saturday to meet state goals in food production in the face of "hostile forces who don't want us to become prosperous and ... are seeking to make our people undergo shortage of food, bring to collapse their faith in socialism."

Australia's prime minister set to form majority government

SYDNEY (AP)—Prime Minister Scott Morrison looked set on Monday to form a majority government as vote counting from Australia's weekend election allayed fears that his conservative coalition may have to rule in the minority following its shock victory.

The coalition was returned to power in a stunning result on Saturday, after opinion polls and odds-makers had tipped the opposition Labor Party to win. The outcome ranks as Australia's biggest election upset since 1993, when Labor Prime Minister Paul Keating was returned to power.

With 76 seats in the House of Representatives needed for majority rule, figures from the Australian Electoral Commission on Monday showed that with around 84% of votes counted, the coalition was on target to win 78 seats—an increase of five after going into the election as a minority government.

The Labor Party was set to claim 67 seats, with independents and minor parties taking six.

Winning a majority of the seats would also allow Morrison's coalition to appoint the house speaker from its own ranks, rather from among independent or minor party lawmakers.

As Morrison began finalizing his new Cabinet on Monday, the stock market welcomed the election result. Australia's benchmark S&P ASX 200 index climbed 1.7 percent on the day—reaching its highest level since 2007, just before the global financial crisis.

After being elected in 2016 with 76 seats, the power base of Morrison's coalition was diminished through a series of by-elections late in its three-year term. One such defeat was triggered by the ousting last August of then-Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in an internal party vote.

That move, which ended in Morrison becoming prime minister, caused widespread disgust among Australian voters sorely disillusioned by seeing another one of their leaders replaced without them having a say.

Morrison had become Australia's sixth prime minister in only eight years. Four such changes had been brought about by lawmakers voting to dump their party's leader, two each from the coalition and the center-left Labor Party. Morrison's predecessor, Turnbull, had himself become prime minister in 2015 through an internal party coup that dumped Tony Abbott as leader of the Liberal Party.

Analysts had predicted that the coalition would pay dearly for that latest leadership switch, with Morrison expected to exit after one of the shortest terms as prime minister in Australian history.

Most late surveys showed Labor leader Bill Shorten as having a small but clear lead over Morrison as preferred prime minister, 51% to 49%.

Bookmakers had Labor at odds as short as $1.16 to $1 to win government, with the coalition as long as $5.50.

As analysts tried to make sense of the outcome, several factors were highlighted.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Official count shows Widodo reelected as Indonesian leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's President Joko Widodo has been elected for a second term, official results showed Tuesday, in a victory over a would-be strongman who aligned himself with Islamic hardliners. Official counting was completed just before midnight and the Election Commission announced the formal result early Tuesday. It said Widodo won 55.5% of the vote in the April 17 election to 45.5% for his challenger, ultra-nationalist former general Prabowo Subianto. Thousands of police and soldiers are on high alert in the capital Jakarta, anticipating protests from supporters of Subianto, who refuses to concede defeat. The Election Commission's headquarters in central Jakarta are barricaded with razor wire and heavily guarded. Subianto, who also lost to Widodo in 2014, has alleged massive election fraud in the world's third-largest democracy but hasn't provided any credible evidence. Votes are counted publicly and the commission posts the tabulation form from each polling station on its website, allowing for independent verification. The formal result was almost the same as the preliminary "quick count" results drawn from a sample of polling stations on election day.

North Korea urges UN chief to act against US ship seizure

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—North Korea denounced the United States as "a gangster country" for seizing one of its cargo ships and urged U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to take "urgent measures" to contribute to stabilizing the Korean peninsula. North Korea's U.N. ambassador, Kim Song, said in a letter to Guterres obtained Monday by The Associated Press that the Trump administration committed "an unlawful and outrageous act" by taking over the ship Wise Honest and moving it to American Samoa. He called the seizure a violation of international law and the U.N. Charter. Kim called a news conference at U.N. headquarters on Tuesday to further criticize the ship's seizure. The U.S. said on May 9 that it seized the ship because it was carrying coal in violation of U.N. sanctions, a first-of-its kind enforcement action that came amid a tense moment in relations with North Korea. The Wise Honest, North Korea's second largest cargo ship, was first detained in April 2018 by Indonesia while transporting a large amount of coal. U.S. Justice Department lawyers laid out the case for confiscating the ship in a complaint filed in New York, arguing that payments for maintenance and operation of the vessel were channeled through unwitting U.S. financial institutions in violation of American law. North Korea's coal trade itself is also believed to fund the isolated country's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs which the U.S. is seeking to eliminate.

World

Austrian government collapses over Ibiza video scandal

VIENNA (AP)—Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz called time Monday on his coalition government with the far-right Freedom Party after its leader was shown on video appearing to offer favors to a purported Russian investor.

Kurz said he was seeking the removal of the country's interior minister, Freedom Party politician Herbert Kickl, to ensure an unbiased probe into the video.

"I'm firmly convinced that what's necessary now is total transparency and a completely and unbiased investigation," Kurz told reporters in Vienna.

The Freedom Party reacted by withdrawing its ministers from the government.

"We won't leave anyone out in the rain," said the party's interim leader, Norbert Hofer.

Kickl's removal, which must still be approved by Austria's president, follows the resignation on Saturday of Freedom Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache, who was also Austria's vice chancellor.

That came a day after two German newspapers published a video showing Strache pandering to a woman claiming to be a Russian tycoon's niece at a boozy gathering in Ibiza two years ago, shortly before national elections. Strache and party colleague Johann Gudenus are heard telling the woman that she can expect lucrative construction contracts if she buys an Austrian newspaper and supports the Freedom Party. They also discuss ways of secretly funneling money to the party.

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, of the Austrian People's Party, OEVP, 2nd from right, arrives for a news conference in Vienna, Austria, Monday, May 20, 2019. AP

Gudenus, who was instrumental in arranging the meeting, has quit as leader of the party's parliamentary group and is leaving the party.

The Hamburg-based weekly Der Spiegel and Munich daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung said the meeting in Ibiza was likely a trap that Strache and Gudenus had fallen for. The papers refused to reveal the source of the video.

Kurz noted that at the time the video was shot, Kickl was general-secretary of the Freedom Party and therefore responsible for its financial conduct. The chancellor added that in his conversations with Kickl and other Freedom Party officials following the video's release, he "didn't really have the feeling (they had) an awareness of the dimension of the whole issue."

The ouster of the Freedom Party from the government was a setback for populist and nationalist forces as Europe heads into the final days of campaigning for the European Parliament elections, which run Thursday through Sunday.

Kurz has endorsed a hard line on migration and public finances, and he chose to ally with the Freedom Party after winning the 2017 election.

The chancellor, who is personally popular, had said Saturday that "enough is enough"—a reference to a string of smaller scandals involving the Freedom Party that had plagued his government. In recent months, those have included a poem in a party newsletter comparing migrants to rats and questions over links to extreme-right groups.

Kickl, a longtime campaign mastermind of the Freedom Party, had already drawn criticism over matters including a raid last year on Austria's BVT spy agency, which opposition parties claimed was an attempt by the new government to purge domestic political enemies.

Kickl's party said he had done nothing wrong and sought to portray itself as the victim of a plot.

The Russian government, meanwhile, said it couldn't comment on the video "because it has nothing to do with the Russian Federation, its president or the government."

President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said of the woman in the Strache video that set off the crisis: "We don't know who that woman is and whether she's Russian or not."

Pledging to ensure stability in Austria over the coming months, Kurz said vacancies in the government left by the Freedom Party's departure would be filled with civil servants and technocrats.

His government, meanwhile, may find it difficult to continue as planned until Austria holds early elections, likely in September. Opposition parties plan to call for a vote of no confidence in Kurz's government in the coming days.

WORLD BRIEFS

Brexiteer Farage splattered in latest UK milkshake attack

LONDON (AP)—Pro-Brexit British politician Nigel Farage was hit with a milkshake while campaigning in the European Parliament election on Monday—the latest in a spate of attacks on politicians with the sticky beverages. Farage was left with milkshake dripping down his lapels during a walkabout in Newcastle, northeast England. Police said a 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of assault. Paul Crowther, who was detained in handcuffs at the scene, said he threw the banana-and-salted caramel Five Guys shake to protest Farage's "bile and racism." He said he had been looking forward to the milkshake, "but I think it went on a better purpose." Farage blamed the attack on those who wanted to remain in the EU. He tweeted that "Sadly some remainers have become radicalised, to the extent that normal campaigning is becoming impossible." Farage's Brexit Party is leading opinion polls in the contest for 73 U.K. seats in the 751-seat European Parliament.

Rescuers finally persuade Eiffel Tower climber to come down

PARIS (AP)—The Eiffel Tower was evacuated and closed down Monday after a man scaled nearly to the top of the Paris monument and refused to come down for several hours. Members of a special firefighter climbing unit and police negotiators eventually persuaded the man to surrender, a Paris police official said. The official said the man was "under control and out of danger" Monday night. Managers said the tower would reopen Tuesday morning as usual and promised to reimburse people with reserved tickets whose visits were thwarted. Security agents spotted the man climbing up from the second floor in the early afternoon, triggering an operation to evacuate the 2,500 visitors on the monument, the tower management company said in a statement. That included people dining on the second level. The man eventually stopped his climb just below the third level, which is the highest level of the 324-meter (1,063-foot) tower, and stayed there. His motives remained unclear, and authorities declined to give details about his identity.

Sextuplets born in Poland; mother and newborns doing well

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—A 29-year-old woman gave birth to six babies in Poland on Monday, in what is believed to be the country's first-ever case of sextuplets. The mother and newborns are said to be doing well. The babies, four of whom are girls, were born through cesarean section at University Hospital in Krakow in southern Poland. The babies were born in the pregnancy's 29th week and their individual weights range from 890 grams (31.40 ounces) to 1,300 grams (45.90 ounces), hospital spokeswoman Maria Wlodkowska said. The babies are fine but have been placed in incubators to assist their development, she said. Only one in nearly 5 billion pregnancies leads to sextuplets. "It is the first time in Poland that sextuplets are born, and it is rare in the world," said chief of the hospital's neonatology ward, Prof. Ryszard Lauterbach. He said it came as a surprise because doctors were expecting five babies.

Ukraine president takes political stage in dramatic fashion

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukraine's new president, a comedian before he turned to statecraft, made a dramatic entrance to the political stage Monday by disbanding parliament minutes after his inauguration.

Volodymyr Zelenskiy, who won 73% of the vote last month, justified his contentious decision on the grounds that the legislature, controlled by allies of the man he defeated, is riddled with self-enrichment.

Elections to the Supreme Rada were scheduled for Oct. 27, which raised the prospect of Zelenskiy struggling to enact his agenda in the face of a hostile parliament over his first few months in power.

A snap parliamentary election will be held within two months of his signing a formal dissolution decree.

Zelenskiy, a comedian who played the role of a Ukrainian president on a popular TV show for years, is gambling that his popularity will see the next parliament dominated by supporters of his agenda to reform Ukraine and steer a new path with Russia.

Zelenskiy said Ukrainian politics for the past quarter-century created "opportunities for kickbacks, money laundering and corruption."

Zelenskiy's efforts follow repeated attempts by the majority in the current parliament to stymie his campaign promise for a new election.

Since last month's election, Zelenskiy's opponents in the Rada sought to put off the inauguration close to the May 27 deadline by which the parliament can be dissolved.

And in a dramatic move last week, the Rada announced the collapse of the ruling parliamentary coalition. According to parliamentary rules, the chamber can't be dissolved for 30 days after the governing coalition has been disbanded.

Zelenskiy's supporters argue that the Rada's actions are legally void because the coalition had long ceased to exist and that the Ukrainian Constitution, unlike the Rada regulations, doesn't contain such a rule.

Volodymyr Fesenko, head of the Kiev-based think-tank Penta, said Zelenskiy's announcement shows "political will for radical change."

"The legally dubious decision to disband parliament will certainly be contested in court but Zelenskiy has shown that it is going to be him who will lay down the agenda and that he will dominate the political landscape," he said.

Zelenskiy's landslide victory reflected Ukrainians' exhaustion with widespread corruption and the country's political elite. Before disbanding parliament, the 41-year-old Zelenskiy upended other Ukrainian political traditions on inauguration day.

He ditched the idea of a traditional motorcade to his inauguration, walking to the parliament in Kiev through a park packed with people. Flanked by four bodyguards, the beaming president-elect gave high-fives to some spectators, even stopping to take a selfie with one of them.

Focus

In this photo taken Monday, May 20, 2019, a child plays with bubbles near the logo for tech giant Huawei in Beijing. The Trump administration's sanctions against Huawei have begun to bite even though their dimensions remain unclear. U.S. companies that supply the Chinese tech powerhouse with computer chips saw their stock prices slump Monday, and Huawei faces decimated smartphone sales with the anticipated loss of Google's popular software and services. AP

AP EXPLAINS

US sanctions on Huawei bite, but who gets hurt?

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The U.S. move escalates trade-war tensions with Beijing, but also risks making China more self-sufficient over time.

Here's a look at what's behind the dispute and what it means.

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

Last week, the U.S. Commerce Department placed Huawei its so-called Entity List , effectively barring U.S. firms from selling it technology without government approval.

Google said it would continue to support existing Huawei smartphones but future devices will not have its flagship apps and services, including maps, Gmail and search. Only basic services would be available, making Huawei phones less desirable. Separately, Huawei is the world's leading provider of networking equipment, but it relies on U.S. components including computer chips. About a third of Huawei's suppliers are American.

WHY PUNISH HUAWEI?

The U.S. defense and intelligence communities have long accused Huawei of being an untrustworthy agent of Beijing's repressive rulers—though without providing evidence. The U.S. government's sanctions are widely seen as a means of pressuring reluctant allies in Europe to exclude Huawei equipment from their next-generation wireless networks. Washington says it's a question of national security and punishment of Huawei for skirting sanctions against Iran, but the backdrop is a struggle for economic and technological dominance.

The politics of President Donald Trump's escalating tit-for-tat trade war have co-opted a longstanding policy goal of stemming state-backed Chinese cyber theft of trade and military secrets. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said last week that the sanctions on Huawei have nothing to do with the trade war and could be revoked if Huawei's behavior were to change.

THE SANCTIONS' BITE

Analysts predict consumers will abandon Huawei for other smartphone makers if Huawei can only use a stripped-down version of Android. Huawei, now the No. 2 smartphone supplier, could fall behind Apple to third place. Google could seek exemptions, but would not comment on whether it planned to do so.

WHO USES HUAWEI ANYWAY?

While most consumers in the U.S. don't even know how to pronounce Huawei (it's "HWA-way"), its brand is well known in most of the rest of the world, where people have been buying its smartphones in droves.

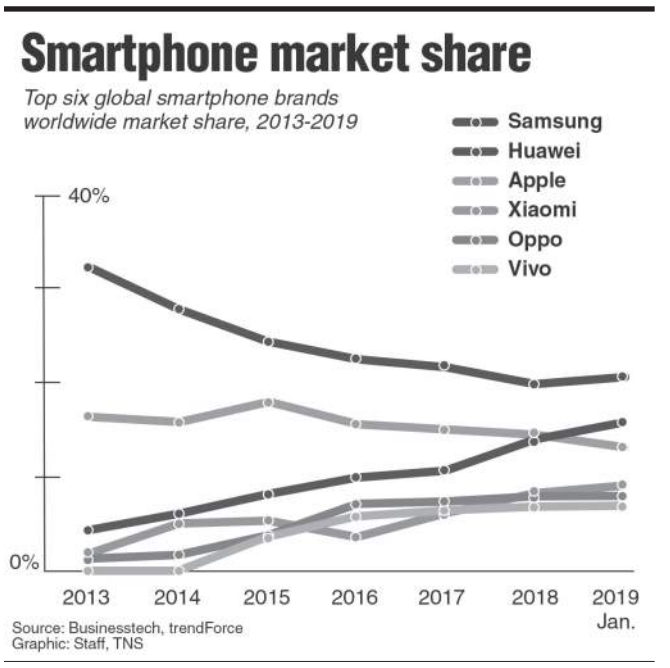
Huawei stealthily became an industry star by plowing into new markets, developing a lineup of phones that offer affordable options for low-income households and luxury models that are siphoning upper-crust sales from Apple and Samsung in China and Europe. About 13 percent of its phones are now sold in Europe, estimates Gartner analyst Annette Zimmermann.

That formula helped Huawei establish itself as the world's second-largest seller of smartphones during the first three months of this year, according to the research firm IDC. Huawei shipped 59 million smartphones in the January-March period, nearly 23 million more than Apple.

RIPPLE EFFECTS

The U.S. ban could have unwelcome ripple effects in the U.S., given how much technology Huawei buys from U.S. companies, especially from makers of the microprocessors that go into smartphones, computers, internet networking gear and other gadgetry.

The list of chip companies expected to be hit hardest includes Micron Technologies, Qualcomm, Qorvo and Skyworks Solutions, which all have listed Huawei as a major customer in their annual reports. Others likely to suffer are Xilinx, Broadcom and Texas Instruments, according to industry analysts.



Being cut off from Huawei will also compound the pain the chip sector is already experiencing from the Trump administration's rising China tariffs.

The Commerce Department on Monday announced an expected grace period of 90 days or more, easing the immediate hit on U.S. suppliers. It can extend that stay, and also has the option of issuing exemptions for especially hard-hit companies.

Much could depend on whether countries including France, Germany, the U.K. and the Netherlands continue to refuse to completely exclude Huawei equipment from their wireless networks.

The grace period allows U.S. providers to alert Huawei to security vulnerabilities and engage the Chinese company in research on standards for next-generation 5G wireless networks.

It also gives operators of U.S. rural broadband networks that use Huawei routers time to switch them out.

COULD THIS BACKFIRE?

Huawei is already the biggest global supplier of networking equipment, and is now likely to move toward making all components domestically. China already has a policy seeking technological independence by 2025.

U.S. tech companies, facing a drop in sales, could respond with layoffs. More than 52,000 technology jobs in the U.S. are directly tied to China exports, according to the Computing Technology Industry Association, a trade group also known as CompTIA.

WHAT ABOUT HARM TO GOOGLE?

Google may lose some licensing fees and opportunities to show ads on Huawei phones, but it still will probably be a financial hiccup for Google and its corporate parent, Alphabet Inc., which is expected to generate $160 billion in revenue this year.

THE APPLE EFFECT

In theory, Huawei's losses could translate into gains for both Samsung and Apple at a time both of those companies are trying to reverse a sharp decline in smartphone sales.

But Apple also stands to be hurt if China decides to target it in retaliation. Apple is particularly vulnerable because most iPhones are assembled in China. The Chinese government, for example could block crucial shipments to the factories assembling iPhones or take other measures that disrupt the supply chain.

Any retaliatory move from China could come on top of a looming increase on tariffs by the U.S. that would hit the iPhone, forcing Apple to raise prices or reduce profits.

What's more, the escalating trade war may trigger a backlash among Chinese consumers against U.S. products, including the iPhone.

"Beijing could stoke nationalist sentiment over the treatment of Huawei, which could result in protests against major U.S. technology brands," CompTIA warned.

Good Housekeeping

Bay leaves are better if you grow your own—and here's a recipe that shows it

By BETHANY JEAN CLEMENT
THE SEATTLE TIMES

Gardening can be challenging for me. (And yes, I'm using "challenging" euphemistically, as in, "The current political landscape is challenging.")

Sometimes, suddenly, it's April — or, my God, May — and other things have been happening that are not gardening, maybe challenging things, and you haven't planted anything and the guilt is intense (perhaps especially in Seattle? People here seem extra pro-garden) and you know in your heart that the morning glory situation is going to be very, very bad. (And yes, I know I've switched from first person. Please allow me the comfort of projecting. I don't mean you — yes, I've seen your garden on your Instagram.)

Maybe you live in an apartment, and your neighbors have also been neglecting their neighboring garden plots behind the building, and it's all out of sight, out of mind, out of control. The way the morning glory grows actually can be frightening, as in, you begin pulling at it and it just goes and goes and goes and it's everywhere and it could take you down.

A few planters, on a balcony, say, are much more manageable — I believe this is what the professionals call "container gardening." And if you like to cook, growing your own herbs in a few planters is immensely satisfying (especially if you're an otherwise-challenged gardener). Chives, mint, basil, rosemary and more can be yours, miracles of scent and flavor, right there, practically free, grown by you (hey, good job!).

But we're here today to talk about bay. Bay leaf seems like an afterthought in any recipe — oh, yes, throw in a crackly, dry, dusty-green bay leaf if you've got a jar of them stuck away. (And yes, we should all update our spices religiously with fresh ones, but come on.) You've left out the bay leaf, haven't you? I know I have. Did anybody miss it? No, they did not.

TNS
Bay Laurel grown in a pot.

Then a friend who's got plants in pots, too, enthused about a new addition: a sweet bay. He'd gotten one, it was bountiful, it was beautiful, its leaves can go anywhere regular old dry ones are called for and — why not? — more. Soups, stews, all kinds of Instapot configurations enjoy sweet bay. He said that, due to the bountifulness, he used lots of bay leaves in a given dish, too: three or four, at least.

Bay Laurel grown in a pot on writer Bethany Clement's deck. TNS

The sweet bay I got is called "Little Ragu" — a bay laurel (Laurus nobilis), as distinguished from the stronger-flavored (some say too much so) California bay. Its literature calls Little Ragu "easy care" and notes that it thrives in containers. A compliment is also given: "handsome in natural form," this sweet bay is. The leaves ripple around the edges, and the stems and new growth are tinged with red. It is apparently deer-resistant, but the cat sometimes chews on it a bit (the cat has good taste — chives are also a favorite). The sweet bay likes full or partial sun, and has been responding well to intuitive-style watering when its soil looks dry. It is a perennial and should be just fine living outside over a Seattle winter.

The leaves themselves don't smell like much, but break one in half, and the scent is released, slightly sweet but exotic, like a cup of tea or a whiff of perfume in a Mediterranean place, a little citrusy, a bit like clove. I tried the same with a dried bay leaf — one that was not terribly old, either — and it was but a ghostly, papery version of the same. Chewing on a fresh bay leaf tastes both faintly floral and menthol-piney, like it would make your breath smell lovely. The dry one tasted mostly pointy.

Like my friend said, fresh bay leaves find a home in all kinds of soups, stews, chicken dishes, marinades for meats, on a skewer for the grill, more — and, of course, anywhere you would use (or would skip using) a dried one. In the sweets realm, you can scent homemade ice cream, panna cotta or crème brûlée with sweet, fresh bay. A very simple tomato sauce made with fresh bay leaves tastes subtly splendid — the sweet bay seems to cut the acidity of the tomatoes, while also adding a little complexity to the whole.

With fresh bay, you can be experimental, and you can be generous. Use several leaves — why not? Look at your bountiful bay friend — it just wants to give and give. If you don't completely denude it, it will just make more leaves for you.

I love my sweet bay plant, and I'm pretty sure it loves me.

TOMATO SAUCE WITH SWEET BAY

- About 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 pats of butter, about 1/2 tablespoon each
- 1/2 medium onion, diced
- 1 can Italian plum tomatoes (28 ounces, or equivalent amount of very ripe fresh tomatoes, blanched and skinned)
- 4 (or more) fresh bay leaves
- Kosher salt

1. Heat the oil and one pat of butter in a large skillet over medium heat.

2. Add the onion and salt lightly, then cook, stirring every few minutes, until soft and golden.

3. Chop the tomatoes roughly — an easy way is to plunge kitchen shears into the opened can and hack away — and add them, the bay leaves and about a teaspoon of salt to the pan. Bring back to bubbling, turn heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes, tasting and adding salt as needed.

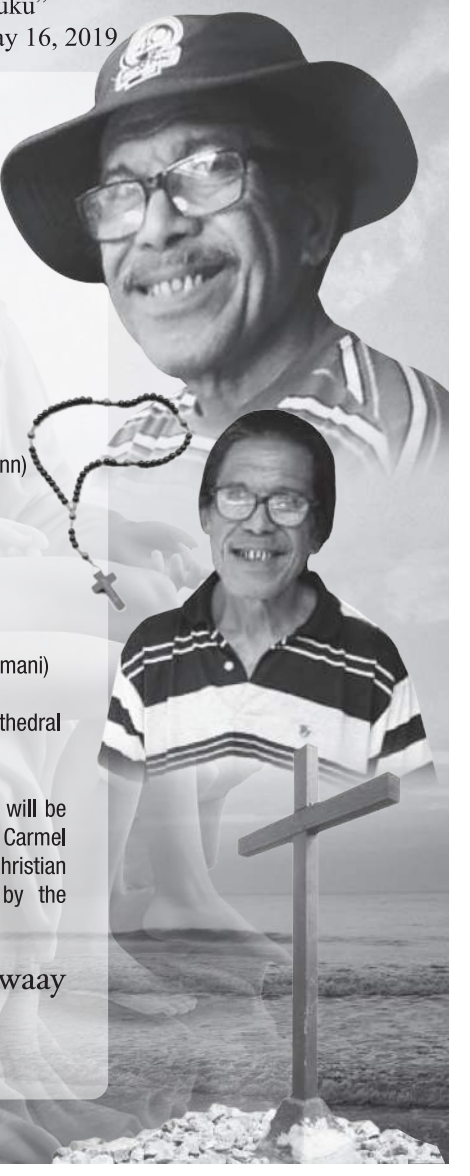
4. Finish by stirring in the other pat of butter, and serve with pasta or gnocchi and grated Parmesan. Most people don't chew on the bay leaves, but you can.

Bay Laurel grown in a pot by writer Bethany Clement. TNS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Juan Nekaifes

"Johnny" "Kuku"
April 26, 1956 – May 16, 2019



In his new life, he now joins his:
Mother: †Nieves Ilo Nekaifes
Brother: †Saturnino Nekaifes

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Juanita Lisua Nekaifes
Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren:
Joannet Lisua / Domingo B Cruz
(Deone, Dalincia, Jason)
John Roman Lisua / Catherine Pangelinan
(Sasha/Vera [Jiovoni],
Dolores/Harry [Jose, Josalynn]
Florielynn, Damian, EJ, TJ, Seth, Jaelynn)
Joseph Lisua (Norman)
Jason L. Nekaifes / Anningkoyo Ruben
Jaclyn L. Nekaifes / Michael Laniyo (MJ)
Jasmine L. Nekaifes

Reared/Godson:
Mathew W. Lisua / Merlin Sachuo (Alisa, Armani)

Daily Mass of Intention is offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and the Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.

On Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:30am, his remains will be escorted from Cabrera's Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am, followed by the interment service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Thank You, Si Yu'us Maase, Olomwaay

The Family

Life & Style

Fiery and icy feelings from fans as 'Game of Thrones' ends

This image released by HBO shows Emilia Clarke in a scene from the series finale of "Game of Thrones." HBO VIA AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fire rained down and heads came off. There was punishment, banishment and retribution. And that was just from the fans.

"Game of Thrones" aired its 73rd and final episode Sunday night, showing its gift for drawing record-setting numbers of viewers and for leaving those viewers deeply divided about the results, as they have been for finales from "Seinfeld" to "The Sopranos" to "Lost."

The final episode of "Game of Thrones" at least brought some clear winners, at least one clear loser and a major upset.

MAJOR SPOILERS AHEAD

Brandon Stark, who until recently appeared happy to remain a mystic philosopher forever, instead becomes philosopher-king, Bran the Broken.

Yet he doesn't get to sit on the Iron Throne (a dragon melted that) or rule the Seven Kingdoms (his sister Sansa broke one off to become queen of an independent North.)

And Daenerys Targaryen became the last of the show's many, many major character deaths, given a Shakespearean send-off by Jon Snow, who watched her burn thousands of innocents and believed she had become a mad tyrant.

"You are my queen, now and always," Jon says to Daenerys as he shoves a dagger into her, giving her what may have been the shortest reign of any monarch in Westeros.

It was the endgame of a heel-turn from a week earlier that brought more fan outrage than any other moment in the always provocative show.

Actress Emilia Clarke, who plays the role of Daenerys, told Entertainment Weekly that she cried when she first read the script in 2017 but defended the arc in the end, saying it was true to the character and she found her final moments "beautiful and touching."

"Hopefully, what you'll see in that last moment as she's dying is: There's the vulnerability—there's the little girl you met in season 1," Clarke said.

The negative reaction spilled into the finale, with fans on Twitter in particular expressing outrage about the outcome, even if many agreed it was reflective of the way the unjust real world works.

"Good morning to everybody except Bran," columnist Jemele Hill tweeted Monday, "who despite being a wack archer, sending Hodor and Theon to their deaths and chilling next to a fire while everybody was fighting, got to the king."

The episode's leaps from big event to big event to tie up its many plot threads did nothing to quiet criticism that the show that made its name on carefully meandering storytelling had given that up in the final two seasons in favor of attempts to please.

"Like most of Season 8, it felt like a Wikipedia summary more than a full story being told," Gina Carbone of CinemaBlend wrote.

Critics were genuinely divided. The episode had a 57 percent fresh score among reviewers on Rotten Tomatoes, and even positive reviews acknowledged the impossibility of pulling off an ending that would be broadly satisfying.

"It was everything nobody wanted, but it was still quite a thing: adequately just, narratively symmetrical and sufficiently poignant," Hank Stuever wrote in the Washington Post.

Regardless of how fans felt about the final season, they never stopped watching.

The finale brought in 19.3 million viewers across HBO's platforms, topping the previous episode's 18.4 million to make it the most-viewed episode of any kind in the channel's history.

Just after it aired on the East Coast, nine of Twitter's top 10 trending topics were related to the show.

Fans also noticed another gaffe, a plastic water bottle at the feet of Samwell Tarly, like the paper coffee cup clearly visible on a table next to Daenerys earlier in the season.

The show had a full-circle ending of sorts. Bran's surprise ascent to the throne would have been no shock at all to viewers just after the show's first episode—where he is clearly marked as a chosen figure, forced to witness a beheading by a father teaching him the ways of the world, and pushed from a high window only to survive, paralyzed.

He then over several seasons, while missing from the story for long stretches, became a mystical seer known as the Three-eyed Raven, with an essential role but distant presence and personality.

In the finale, a council of the remaining nobles of Westeros votes for Bran after a suggestion and major speech from Tyrion Lannister.

"People love stories," Tyrion says. "Who has a better story than Bran the Broken?"

(His sisters, just to name two, many fans thought.)

Bran actor Isaac Hempstead Wright was, unsurprisingly, thrilled with his characters ending.

"I find it an extraordinary character arc to see him go from a vulnerable character totally dependent on others to the one person who holds all the keys to understanding the world," he wrote Monday in The Hollywood Reporter.

Jon Snow also came full circle on the show. As punishment for becoming a queen slayer, he returns to the great northern Wall, the same journey he made when the series began, and is reunited with his dire wolf Ghost, whom he met in episode one. He also finds a spot again among the Wildlings, or "free folk," as they head north beyond the wall.

Sansa's crowning as queen of the North was as predictable as the finale got—she'd clearly been headed for the role for a while.

While the night brought a big end for "Thrones" fans, its universe was far from over.

Author George R.R. Martin still intends to finish and release two more books in the series after the show passed him by years ago.

And spin-offs are in the planning stages. One pilot in production takes place in the same realm thousands of years earlier, and the finale might have hinted at another possibility.

Arya Stark, who saved humanity early in the season, decides to sail on to unknown lands, and her departure on a ship is among the series' final images.

"What's west of Westeros?" she asks her Stark siblings. "No one knows. It's where all the maps stop. It's where I'm going."

TV comedy writer Bess Kalb expressed a common response to this idea on Twitter: "Will watch Arya the Explorya."

3 handwritten wills found in Aretha Franklin's home

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Three handwritten wills have been found in the suburban Detroit home of Aretha Franklin, months after the death of the "Queen of Soul," including one that was discovered under cushions in the living room, a lawyer said Monday.

The latest one is dated March 2014 and appears to give the famous singer's assets to family members. Some writing is extremely hard to decipher, however, and the four pages have words scratched out and phrases in the margins.

Franklin was 76 when she died last August of pancreatic cancer. Lawyers and family members said at the time that she had no will, but three handwritten versions were discovered earlier this month. Two from 2010 were found in a locked cabinet after a key was located.

The 2014 version was inside a spiral notebook under cushions, said an attorney for Franklin's estate, David Bennett.

Bennett, who was Franklin's lawyer for more than 40 years, filed the wills on Monday. He told a judge that he's not sure if they're legal under Michigan law. A hearing is scheduled for June 12.

Bennett said the wills were shared with Franklin's four sons or their lawyers, but that a deal wasn't reached on whether any should be considered valid. A statement from the estate said two sons object to the wills.

Sabrina Owens, an administrator at the University of Michigan, will continue to serve as personal representative of the estate.

"She remains neutral and wishes that all parties involved make wise choices on behalf of their mother, her rich legacy, the family and the Aretha Franklin estate," the statement said.

In a separate court filing, son Kecalf Franklin said Aretha Franklin wanted him to serve as representative of the estate in the 2014 will. He is objecting to plans to sell a piece of land next to his mother's Oakland County home for $325,000.

Judge Jennifer Callaghan in April approved the hiring of experts to appraise Franklin's assets and personal belongings, including memorabilia, concert gowns and household goods. The Internal Revenue Service is auditing many years of Franklin's tax returns, according to the estate. It filed a claim in December for more than $6 million in taxes.

Franklin's star, meanwhile, hasn't faded since her death. She was awarded an honorary Pulitzer Prize in April, cited posthumously for her extraordinary career. A 1972 concert film, "Amazing Grace," was released with much praise from critics.

The estate is involved in "many continuing projects ... including various television and movie proposals, as well as dealing with various creditor claims and resulting litigation," Bennett said.

Pedro Almodovar on memory, pain and the big-screen

AP

From left, director Pedro Almodovar, actors Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas pose for photographers upon arrival at the premiere for the film 'Pain and Glory' at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Friday, May 17, 2019.

CANNES, France (AP)— Pedro Almodovar's "Pain and Glory" is a self-portrait of rare precision and warm intimacy. It stars Antonio Banderas as Salvador Mallo, a famous aging filmmaker, hobbled by physical ailments, who lives in a Madrid apartment reproduced from Almodovar's own, right down to the books on the shelves and the paintings on the walls.

"Pain and Glory" toggles between Mallo's present and his childhood past (Penelope Cruz plays young Salvador's mother) in a deeply personal drama that weaves together threads from throughout Almodovar's life. It's been hailed as a late masterpiece for the 69-year-old Spanish director and pegged as a possible frontrunner for Cannes' Palme d'Or, to be presented Saturday.

In an interview on a rooftop bar in Cannes, Almodovar talked about memory, pain and his glorious new film.

Associated Press: "Pain and Glory" is full of the reflections of a filmmaker looking back on his life and work. Have you been feeling wistful?

Almodovar: It's only with "Bad Education" that, at the age of 50, I looked back for the first time and I came up with these memories of my school years. I told the worst memory of my childhood. The best memory of my childhood was 'Volver.' This film is about other memories and my present time; the way I live and the way I work now. But I feel with these three films now, I've exhausted the memories of my own life. I've said enough. My next film, I have an idea. I'm not sure what it's going to be. But I should put my life aside.

AP: Banderas' character, Salvador, says he can't live if he's not filming. I imagine that's true for you as well.

Almodovar: Yes, this is something that haunts me. I'm not Salvador. But the fear of not making another film is something I do experience. It's not just related to the physical strength and preparation. Of course, it's a very physical craft, shooting a film. At one point in my life, that's what I was scared by. But there's also the desire and the passion that you feel for a story before making a film out of it. I'm always scared to lose this passion. It's exactly like when you're in love with somebody and you're scared of losing that feeling.

AP: Was that physical concern because of your back?

Almodovar: Yes, after the surgery of my back. The first movie afterward was 'Julieta,' and it was very important to do that. I was not sure that I was able to do it. I was never standing up more than a half an hour. Making 'Julieta,' I discovered the solution. The solution is always to make a new movie. When I'm shooting, I'm not conscious of pain.

AP: This is your sixth time in competition in Cannes but you've never won the Palme d'Or. What would one mean to you?

Almodovar: Of course, it would be wonderful if they gave it to me. But, also, it's not a tragedy if they don't. And it's a big possibility. Even if my movie is received well in the Grand Palais, it doesn't mean that the Palme d'Or is for you. Because that depends on nine people who are part of the jury. If it arrives, it will be very welcome. But if not, I'm old enough to keep on going without that.

AP: You've been a passionate advocate for the theatrical experience. Are you concerned about the future of the big screen?

Almodovar: Yes, I'm very concerned. I'm Spanish and I live in Spain. And every year in Spain, more than a hundred screens disappear. That's a fact. And it's also a fact that the Spanish people really don't care about it. The audience likes the series, the (streaming) platforms and the possibility of watching something immediately. Fortunately, we have a different country in France. France is the greatest defender of the large screen, and I think it's the French industry that's going to deliver this battle against the streaming platforms.

AP: In Cannes, you've said you're not against Netflix.

Almodovar: I'm not hostile to the platforms. I know they're enriching fiction. They're giving work to people all over the world. So their existence is a good thing. But what I wish as a viewer and as a director is to have coexistence of all these ways of connecting to films. We mustn't forget that cinema was invented for the large screen. It was invented to be a communal experience in a theater, so this has to survive. As Susan Sontag wrote, to be kidnapped by a story, you have to be in a dark room, surrounded by strangers.

AP: "Pain and Glory" references not just your own films but many others, too. There's a mention of "Splendor in the Grass."

Almodovar: I mention it in the movie because I remember very well seeing it as a kid. Even though my life was very different the life of Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty and Barbara Loden, I felt very close to that. The movie talks about living in a small place, in a small community, where people can't be free or express their feelings. I slept a lot with the character of Natalie Wood.

AP: Did completing this memory-based trilogy give you any feeling of catharsis?

Almodovar: At first I found it a bit scary. I felt vertigo for telling my own story like this. But once I got over this first impression, I just took the distance of any fiction and I went on writing like any other script. When I was shooting, I was just a director shooting a movie. I forgot completely that it was my house, my paintings and myself. At the end, when the movie was edited, I realized there was solace in making this film. I haven't done any of my 21 films for therapeutic reasons. If you have a problem, making a film won't solve it. But a film can be the best solution for your life, and that's the case for this film in my life now.

Man who flirts online brushes aside his girlfriend's concerns

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been a couple for three years. We live together and have an incredible relationship and an amazing sex life. A while ago, he was approached by a strange woman on social media. Through Hangouts he told her she was beautiful and that he was looking for the right woman to be with. Their communication lasted about a week.

It has now happened again. He handed out his phone number, and this one has sent him videos of her dancing wearing next to nothing. He tells her she has an amazing body and made comments to the effect that she must be wild in bed and he thinks only of her. When he talks to these other women, he tells them he lives alone.

When I tell him this bothers me, he doesn't get upset. He swears he has feelings for only me and no one else, and that he's just having a little fun. I want to believe him, but I feel hurt and disrespected when I read what he's saying to these women. My heart is heavy because he used to talk to me like that and no longer does. Should I be worried?

SHARING HIM IN OHIO

DEAR SHARING HIM: You should not only be worried, you should be out of there. You may have invested three years in this person, but the sooner you divest yourself of him the better it will be for you. His actions show that his word cannot be trusted. He's not only lying to these women, he is also lying to you. Men who love and respect women do not treat them the way he is treating you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl, and I'm bisexual. Some of my closest friends know, but that's it. Mom doesn't know, and neither do my gramma or papa. I'm afraid if I tell them they'll be disappointed in their little girl. Also, I'm growing up without a father, so that may have something to do with it. I wonder if not having a male role model is why I'm driven to like girls.

It took me a while to figure out that I was bisexual. It was at the beginning of seventh grade, when people were talking about being bi. So I guess I need to find out who I am as a person.

When I told my friend I was bi and I liked her, she was shocked and surprised. I think she took it the wrong way and thought I was asking her out. That afternoon she came up to me and said, "I like you, but only as a friend. I hope this doesn't damage our friendship." For me it did, and I haven't gotten the courage to go talk to her about it again. I was only saying that to tell her how I FEEL, not to ask her out.

INSECURE AND CONFUSED

DEAR INSECURE AND CONFUSED: You are right that you need to find out who you are as a person. You are very young and still discovering. People do NOT become gay or bisexual because of conversations they hear in the seventh grade or because their fathers are absent. Sexual orientation is simply a part of who we are.

You were clumsy about the way you "outed" yourself to your friend. Put aside your fears, talk to her again and explain that you weren't asking her out, and the feelings you were describing were not directed at her. If she's truly a friend, everything will be all right.

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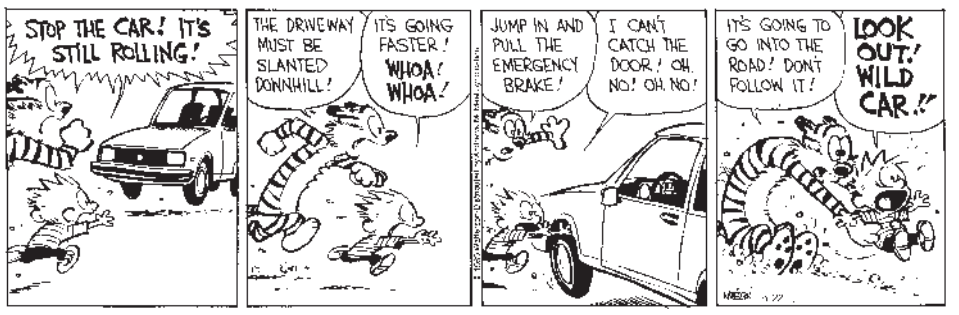
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THE DRIVEWAY MUST BE SLANTED DOWNHILL!
IT'S GOING FASTER! WHOA! WHOA!
JUMP IN AND PULL THE EMERGENCY BRAKE!
I CAN'T CATCH THE DOOR! OH, NO! OH, NO!
IT'S GOING TO GO INTO THE ROAD! DON'T FOLLOW IT!
LOOK OUT! WILD CAR!!

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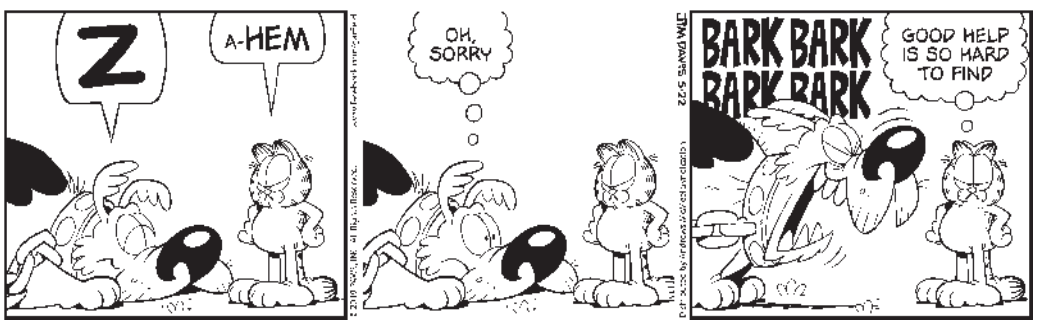

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HUH?
WHUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT'S YOUR ALARM, ADAM.
ALARM? WHA?
YOU HAVE YOUR EARLY MEETING. TURN YOUR ALARM OFF.
START OVER. WHO AM I?
NITE NITE. YOU HAVE FUN.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

SO WHAT ABOUT MY ONLINE PROFILE CAUGHT YOUR EYE?
THE PART WHERE YOU SAID YOU'RE SIX-FOOT WITH A MUSCULAR BUILD.
YEAH, LOTS OF GIRLS FALL FOR THAT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Soft shoe, for short
4 Massachusetts cape
7 San —, Italy
8 Nasser's successor
10 Dutch bloom
11 Scents
13 In a good position
16 Reply (Abbr.)
17 Theater boxes
18 Corn spike
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20 Story lines
21 Sudden onrush
23 Informative
25 Picked up the tab
26 Rescue
27 Rap's Dr. —
28 Purple shade
30 Sheepish remark
33 Satisfying conclusion
36 "Burnt" crayon color
37 Peace goddess
38 Consumerist Ralph
39 Roman emperor
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41 PX patrons

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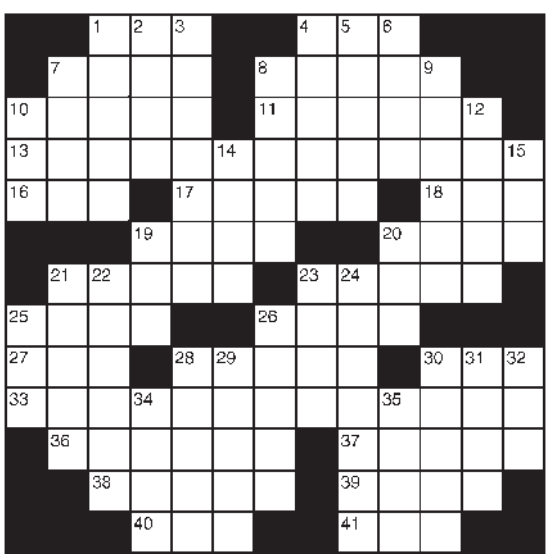

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Happy Birthday: How you approach life, love and happiness will determine what's made available to you this year. Those who want to contribute to your success will view a positive attitude and a desire to do your part as assets. Be open in order to avoid giving others the wrong impression. Clear up unfinished business, and forge into the future. Your numbers are 8, 13, 20, 26, 31, 38, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Tread carefully when dealing with your boss or other authority figures. How you express your thoughts will make the difference between running into obstacles and getting the help you require to get things done your way. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Finish what you start. Making personal changes that will enhance your life, your looks and your relationships should be priorities. If you want something, go after it and make it happen. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Use your charm, but be sure to stick to the truth, or someone will correct you. You will gain the most if you make accuracy and knowledge your targets. Taking a direct approach when dealing with peers and relatives will alleviate interference. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Change is on the horizon. It's up to you to make things happen. Consider what will make you happy and how best to satisfy your needs in order to proceed. Put more into your relationships with people who motivate and inspire you. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Refrain from making changes that aren't necessary. Explore new possibilities, and talk to people who have experience or valuable information to offer. Collaborating with someone you've worked with will lead to new opportunities. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Make decisions based on what moves you the most. Being true to yourself and what you want will also help you earn the trust of others. Honesty and integrity will pay off, and personal and romantic changes are encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You'll have to take care of your responsibilities if you want to avoid complaints. Once you are finished, you'll be able to move on to activities and matters that are conducive to accomplishing something that will help you advance. Use your intelligence. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Make your move. If someone or something interests you, do whatever it takes to pursue and follow through with your intentions. A personal change will lift your spirits and give you the confidence you need to bring about positive change. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Be smart, and think matters through. If you act in haste or follow someone else, you will end up having regrets. Choose to be methodical, precise and detailed in all you do. Moderation will be in your best interest. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Share your emotions if it will help an important relationship. Working alongside someone you love in order to bring about favorable changes will draw you closer together. A physical update will boost your confidence. Romance is in the stars. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Focusing on home, family, children and plans that include the ones you love will pay off. Getting involved in group efforts that are geared toward improving your community will lead to better health and fitness and new beginnings. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Be careful what you say -- and to whom. Your actions will be what count in the end, so follow through with your promises, and avoid getting involved in gossip or situations that might make you look bad. Say less and do more. ✪✪✪✪

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By:	)	
Shirley P. Batallones	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
Roldan R. Villaluz	)	
Petitioner(s)	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for hearing on June 10, 2019, at 9:00a.m. in Courtroom MBP, before Honorable Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2019

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Eli not worried about Jones waiting in the wings

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Eli Manning hasn't been looking over his shoulder since the New York Giants took heir apparent Daniel Jones with the sixth pick overall in the NFL draft.

The 38-year-old Manning is always focused on what he can control and right now that's being the Giants' quarterback in 2019.

There seems to be no doubt the kid from Duke is going to replace him some day. The question is when it will happen.

On the opening day of organized team activities Monday, coach Pat Shurmur said Manning is his starting quarterback. The goal for Jones and fellow backups Alex Tanney and Kyle Lauletta is to be ready to play on opening day if something happens to the two-time Super Bowl MVP.

Manning, who has led the Giants to the playoffs just once since the 2011 season, refused to say Monday he wants to be the starter as long as possible.

"I understand that I am the quarterback on the Giants and it is my responsibility to go out there and do my job to the best of my ability," he said. "I want to be in this position and be the quarterback. I want to go win games and have a great year."

Manning, who has led the Giants to eight wins over the past two seasons, said he has not worked any harder in the offseason or he is more concerned because Jones is waiting behind him.

"I don't think this has changed that," he said. "I understand the circumstances that I am in and sure, I need to play well and play well early. Just do my job. You want to do that. You have to be careful not to press and do too much when things aren't there and force things. Just have to play to the best of my ability and make good decisions. Lead this team to wins."

Manning intends to take Jones under his wing. That's not a change though. He has done that for years with every quarterback who has joined the team, whether it was Ryan Nassib, Davis Webb, Geno Smith, Tanney, Lauletta or now Jones.

"Whoever is in the quarterback room, (we) talk football," Manning said. "If someone is confused about something or not sure about something, we have a great communication system and a relationship."

While Manning lost his biggest offensive threat in the trade that sent Odell Beckham Jr. to the Cleveland Browns, other upgrades have been made.

Right guard Kevin Zeitler was acquired in a second trade with the Browns and the Giants recently signed veteran Mike Remmers, who should take over at right tackle. Center Jon Halapio is back after breaking a leg early last season and left guard Will Hernandez should improve after a decent rookie season.

AP
New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning passes in front of quarterback Daniel Jones during an NFL football practice Monday, May 20, 2019, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Left tackle Nate Solder had minor surgery to clean up his ankle, but he is expected to be ready for training camp.

That should improve the line, which gave up 47 sacks last season. And the offense as a whole should also benefit in its second season in Shurmur's system and having Offensive Rookie of the Year Saquon Barkley.

"Guys get lined up and are playing fast. They know what to do," Manning said. "They know plays, adjustments and different things. Just a few new spots here and there at receiver or offensive line. For the most part, a lot of the base guys are returning. They have that second year and will be able to play fast. It is just not thinking as much early on. It should help out on both sides of the ball."

Shurmur believes he has a good quarterback room.

"Eli is getting ready to play winning football and Daniel Jones is trying to learn the offense and get himself ready to play Week 1, like all the quarterbacks in the room," Shurmur said. "Because they have a general respect for each other and because that really is a healthy quarterback room, they can improve and get better. I think that is good."

Redskins' Foster injured

In Virginia, Washington Redskins linebacker Reuben Foster appeared to injure his left knee during his first snap at an offseason practice Monday and was taken off the field on a cart.

Foster stepped on one of offensive lineman Tyler Catalina's feet, his left leg landed wrong and he went down in obvious pain. His left leg was stabilized before he was carted off, and while the team awaits an MRI and other tests, it didn't look good.

"We'll hope for the best right now until we get the results, but very concerning, for sure," coach Jay Gruden said after the first day of organized team activities. "I'll just have to wait and see before I get too emotional about it."

Washington claimed Foster off waivers from the San Francisco 49ers after a domestic violence arrest in Tampa, Florida, in November. Prosecutors there decided in January not to pursue a case against the 25-year-old, dismissing the first-degree misdemeanor battery charge. The NFL fined Foster two game checks for the upcoming season but did not suspend him.

All eyes were supposed to be on first-round pick Dwayne Haskins and trade acquisition Case Keenum opening up their quarterback competition that will continue into training camp. Haskins impressed, but Foster going down was another blow to the Redskins, who put an NFL-high 27 players on season-ending injured reserve in 2018 and have invested heavily in trying to limit preventable injuries.

This one on the third play of a practice in May at three-quarters jogging speed was another unpredictable accident.

Struggling Serena practices for French Open

FRANCE—Welcome back to Paris, Serena Williams. The tennis world can't wait to find out exactly how that bothersome left knee is holding up.

Williams practiced at the French Open's redesigned main stadium on Monday—alas, Court Philippe Chatrier's retractable roof won't be ready until next year—and will want to get some more work in over the coming days, given how little she's played on clay courts lately.

As in: a total of just one match on the surface since last year's tournament at Roland Garros. Forever, it seems, Williams has been the woman to beat on the Grand Slam stage, provided she is in the field and is healthy. No one really knows this time just how ready she is.

"We just don't know her physical status at this point," 18-time major champion Chris Evert said in a telephone interview. "She relies so much on the physicality of her game and her movement and her sprinting and just her court coverage and setting up those big shots. Her legs are vital to her game. I don't know if we've seen her 100 percent since the beginning of the year."

With the French Open set to start Sunday, the 10th-ranked Williams has played only nine matches in 2019.

Five were at the Australian Open in January, when she lost to Karolina Pliskova in the quarterfinals after blowing a 5-1, 40-30 lead in the third set and four match points in all.

She retired from a match at Indian Wells, citing an illness, then withdrew from tournaments in Miami and Rome, citing her knee.

"I haven't played a ton of matches this year. Not my choice; just by force," Williams said after her lone clay appearance, an opening victory at the Italian Open before she pulled out ahead of what would have been a match against her older sister, Venus. "I really, really actually desperately wanted to be on the tour and to be playing, but it hasn't been able to work out."

The red clay used in Paris never has been the most natural surface for success for Williams, in part because it slows down her massive serves and groundstrokes that earn so many quick points on grass or hard courts.

"Remember, she hits the ball very early and very flat. So if she doesn't have control of her body, many errors will come," International Tennis Hall of Fame coach Nick Bollettieri said, "because she's not going to push a ball."

Still, it's a testament to her greatness that Williams did manage to win three titles in France, part of her haul of 23 Grand Slam singles trophies. That's a record in the professional era, which began in 1968, and one shy of Margaret Court's all-time mark.

"She takes great pride in Grand Slams and her lead-in has not been up to her high standards," Evert said. "It's all about the knee, which has been nagging her. It is a concern, especially now on the clay, where you've got to move more to win a point. You use your legs, your knees, more than on any other surface.

After 16 months away from Grand Slam competition because of her pregnancy and the birth of her daughter in September 2017, Williams showed up in Paris a year ago and looked to be approaching the height of her powers right away. She knocked off a pair of seeded women to set up a showdown against Maria Sharapova in the fourth round, but then pulled out because of a chest muscle injury.

Williams would go on to reach the finals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open before coming up just short of her 24th major trophy each time.

Warriors sweep Blazers to take finals berth

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Experience bred confidence for the Golden State Warriors, even when challenged by the upstart Portland Trail Blazers.

No matter how far they were down, they've been through too much to ever think they're out.

"We just really understand what we're capable of on both sides of the basketball," Draymond Green said. "We're never out of the fight. That's just always our mindset."

The Warriors swept their way to a fifth straight NBA Finals, getting triple-doubles from Stephen Curry and Green in a 119-117 overtime victory on Monday night.

The two-time defending champions overcame a double-digit deficit for the third straight game against the Blazers, back in the conference finals for the first time since 2000.

Green had 18 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists, and made a key 3-pointer in overtime. Curry added 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. They became the first teammates to have triple-doubles in the same playoff game.

The Warriors will face the winner of the Eastern Conference finals between Toronto and Milwaukee. The Bucks lead that series 2-1 with Game 4 on Tuesday night in Canada.

The Warriors came back from 17 down after erasing an 18-point deficit in Game 3 and a 17-point hole in Game 2.

"We've been here before. We've seen everything, every experience you can imagine. So we relied on that," Curry said.

Playing without Kevin Durant, Andre Iguodala and DeMarcus Cousins, the Warriors became the first team to reach five straight finals since the Boston Celtics went to 10 in a row from 1957-66.

AP

Golden State Warriors guards Klay Thompson, left, and Quinn Cook, right, reach for the ball along with Portland Trail Blazers guard Seth Curry, center, during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals, Monday, May 20, 2019, in Portland, Ore.

Damian Lillard, playing with separated ribs, had 28 points and 12 assists for Portland. He missed a 3-point attempt as time ran out in the extra period. Meyers Leonard added a career-high 30 points along with 12 rebounds.

The Warriors were up 114-113 in the extra period after Green missed the first of a pair of free throws. CJ McCollum's jumper from out front briefly gave Portland the lead but Alfonzo McKinnie's basket put Golden State back ahead and Green made a 3-pointer to push it to 199-115 with 39 seconds left.

Lillard made a layup and Curry missed a jumper to give Portland back the ball. Facing stifling defense from both Green and Klay Thompson, Lillard couldn't get off a shot but the ball went out of bounds in the scramble. The Blazers got it back with 3.3 seconds left but Lillard's final shot didn't fall.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts was asked if he was expecting another buzzer-beating winner from Lillard, who had a memorable 3-pointer at the buzzer to clinch the first-round series against Oklahoma City.

"Yeah, I did. I thought it was going to—kind of meant to be," Stotts said. "When he shot it, it had a good arc. I thought it had a chance."

The Blazers stretched the lead to 17 points in the third quarter, but the Warriors went on a 12-0 run to close within 95-90 early in the final period.

Green's long baseline jumper gave the Warriors a 108-106 lead with 3:30 left. Lillard's 3-pointer put the Blazers back ahead and Leonard's dunk extended it to 111-108 with just under 2 minutes to go.

After Thompson's 3-pointer tied it up again both Curry and Lillard missed 3s. Curry made a 3 from the corner with 10.7 seconds left but he was called for traveling first and it didn't count.

Lillard's layup bounced around the rim and out and the game went to overtime.

Iguodala was out because of a sore left calf. The veteran swingman, who is averaging 10.1 points in the playoffs, was hurt in the second half of Saturday's Game 3 victory.

It was not known how long he'd be out, but the Warriors said an MRI Sunday was clear.

Golden State was already missing Durant because of a sore right calf. It's unknown when the two-time NBA Finals MVP will return. Also sitting is Cousins, who injured his left quadriceps in the opening round.

"We've had guys step up all along this entire time and we're going to look forward to those guys continuing to step up, no matter what happens with the injuries that we have," Green said. "You know, we're trying to go win this thing. Never the goal is just to get there."

Lillard separated his ribs in Game 2 but was playing through the pain. He averaged 33 points in the first-round playoff series against Oklahoma City but struggled against Golden State's defensive focus on him.

Playing with urgency in an elimination game, Portland pulled in front 30-28 in the opening quarter on CJ McCollum's layup and free throw, but Curry answered on the other end with a step-back 3-pointer.

Portland went ahead 59-50 after back-to-back 3-pointers from Leonard, who finished with five 3s in the first half.

The Warriors are just the sixth professional team from North America to go to five straight championships, along with the Montreal Canadiens (NHL), Boston Celtics (NBA), Cleveland Browns (NFL), New York Yankees (MLB) and New York Islanders (NHL).

Lakers drama: Magic speaks up, LeBron detached with Vogel

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Frank Vogel's determination to build "organizational togetherness" within the Los Angeles Lakers met the reality of the team's current dysfunction Monday.

Vogel's introduction as the Lakers' coach was almost overshadowed by comments made earlier by Magic Johnson. The former Lakers great appeared on ESPN's "First Take" and said general manager Rob Pelinka "betrayed" him, which was one of the reasons he resigned as president of basketball operations. That put the GM in the position of using most of Vogel's 26-minute news conference to respond.

Pelinka said he has talked to Johnson several times since his resignation on April 9 and said Johnson's comments surprised him.

"It's saddening and disheartening to think he believes things are a misperception," Pelinka said. "I think all of us in life probably have been through things where maybe there's third party whispers or 'he said, she said' things that aren't true."

LeBron James watched the news conference from the back of the gym at the team's facility, but did not shake hands with Vogel and declined interview requests. He shot baskets on another court while Vogel did one-on-one interviews with television reporters.

Vogel, who replaced Luke Walton, said the news conference took on a different tone than he imagined at the start of the day.

"It was definitely different than I expected and different than I've ever been a part of," Vogel said. "But I understand the line of questioning in light of the events of this morning. So you just roll with the punches.

"The perception about our team is not always the same as reality and you block out the noise."

Johnson stunned everyone by giving up his role during an impromptu news conference roughly 90 minutes before the regular-season finale. He said he wanted to fire Walton but that others blocked that. Walton did end up being dismissed before being hired by Sacramento.

"I started hearing, 'Magic, you're not working hard enough' and 'Magic's not in the office.' People around the Lakers office were telling me Rob was saying things, and I didn't like those things being said behind my back," Johnson said. "So I started getting calls from my friends outside of basketball saying those things now were said to them outside of basketball now, just not in the Lakers office anymore."

Pelinka said owner Jeanie Buss has eliminated Johnson's position and the Lakers chain of command is now clearer.

"When it comes to a basketball decision I collaborate with the staff, many of whom are at this press conference today. Then I make a recommendation to Jeanie and she blesses that or not," he said.

The 45-year-old Vogel takes over a team that has also struggled on the court. The Lakers have missed the playoffs for six straight seasons, a drought that was expected to end in James' first season. But injuries to James, Lonzo Ball and Brandon Ingram, as well as the internal discord, resulted in a 37-45 record. Vogel will be the Lakers' sixth coach since Phil Jackson stepped down after the 2010-11 season.

Pelinka said it was his decision to hire Vogel and that he made that recommendation to Buss. The road to hiring a new coach was not smooth, though.

The Lakers appeared to be closing in on a deal with Tyronn Lue, who played for the Lakers and coached James to the 2016 NBA title in Cleveland. But that deal never got to the finish line, and they quickly moved toward Vogel.

Vogel and Lue share the same agent. He said there were some discussions about joining the Lakers as an assistant if Lue was hired.

Sanchez homers in 9th, lifts Yanks past Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP)—Gary Sanchez hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning to cap a New York rally fueled by Baltimore gaffes, and the Yankees pulled out a 10-7 victory Monday night.

Gleyber Torres homered twice for the Yankees, who trailed 6-1 after four innings and 7-3 after six.

At that point, the Orioles fulfilled their stature as the team with the worst record in the AL. They threw to the wrong base, missed popups and were outscored 7-0 over the final three innings.

New York scored in the seventh on an overthrow by left fielder Dwight Smith Jr., who fell for a fake tag-up on third base. In the ninth, right fielder Joey Rickard threw to the wrong base on a single, Smith heaved the ball past the plate on Aaron Hicks' tying sacrifice fly, catcher Pedro Severino misjudged a foul pop that preceded a two-out walk to Luke Voit and Sanchez connected off Mychal Givens (0-1).

Zach Britton (2-0) worked the eighth and Aroldis Chapman got three outs for his 12th save.

Hanser Alberto and Renato Nunez homered for the Orioles.

Yankees starter J.A. Happ allowed six runs and a pair of solo homers in 3 2/3 innings, but New York's comeback got him a no-decision.

AP

New York Yankees' Gary Sanchez hits a three-run home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Monday, May 20, 2019, in Baltimore.

Astros 3, White Sox 0

In Houston, Jake Marisnick and Tyler White homered and Brad Peacock struck out nine in his third straight win to lead Houston over Chicago.

Playing without George Springer, who leads the American League with 17 homers, the Astros got pop from the bottom of the lineup to give them at least one homer in 17 straight games. They've won 11 of 12 overall and eight in a row against the White Sox.

Peacock (5-2) allowed two hits in five innings. Ryan Pressly pitched a scoreless eighth to extend his MLB-record streak of appearances without allowing a run to 40, and Roberto Osuna gave up a hit in the ninth, preserving the shutout and earning his 12th save.

Mets 5, Nationals 3

In New York, Amed Rosario and Pete Alonso homered in the first inning as the Mets, after learning embattled manager Mickey Callaway is staying around, broke out of its offensive funk a bit to beat Washington.

Carlos Gomez cracked an RBI double off the wall for his first Mets hit in 12 years, and slumping Todd Frazier had a run-scoring single to help New York (21-25) stop a five-game losing streak. After the Mets built a 4-0 lead in the third, fill-in starter Wilmer Font and five relievers held off the rival Nationals.

Anthony Rendon homered and Yan Gomes had three hits for Washington, including an RBI single.

Patrick Corbin (4-2) was tagged for four runs and six hits over five innings.

Phillies 5, Cubs 4, 10 innings

In Chicago, J.T. Realmuto hit a solo homer in the 10th, Jake Arrieta allowed one run over six innings in his return to Wrigley Field and Philadelphia beat the Cubs.

Realmuto connected with two outs against Kyle Ryan (0-1), driving a 1-2 fastball a few rows into the left-field seats to decide the opener of a four-game series between the NL East and Central leaders.

Hector Neris (1-1) worked a scoreless ninth. Adam Morgan struck out Jason Heyward leading off the 10th, and Juan Nicasio gave up a single to Albert Almora Jr. before Daniel Descalso grounded into a double play, giving Nicasio his first save since last June 28.

Yu Darvish gave up three runs, four hits and three walks in innings while striking out seven.

Braves 4, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Mike Soroka carried a perfect game into the sixth inning, Ronald Acuna Jr. homered twice and Atlanta topped the Giants.

Austin Riley also homered for the Braves, who won the opener of a seven-game trip and have won eight of 11.

Soroka (5-1) struck out seven and allowed one run and two hits in eight innings. The 21-year-old Braves rookie retired the first 15 batters before Brandon Crawford led off the sixth inning with a homer to straightaway center field.

Athletics 6, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Brett Anderson left in the sixth inning with a cervical strain, and Oakland hung on to beat the Indians.

Anderson (5-3) allowed one run in 5 1/3 innings. The 31-year-old left-hander was injured in the fifth inning when he ducked to avoid a ball hit up the middle by Roberto Perez. Both pieces of Perez's broken bat also sailed close to the pitcher.

Anderson finished the inning, then was removed in the sixth with a 3-1 lead and a runner on second.

Jurickson Profar, Matt Olson and Matt Chapman homered as Oakland extended its winning streak to four, matching its season high.

Padres 2, Diamondbacks 1

In San Diego, Franmil Reyes hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to lift rookie Chris Paddack and the Padres past Arizona.

The Padres snapped a three-game losing streak that had dropped them one game below .500 for the first time this season.

Luke Weaver (3-3) had outdueled Paddack (4-2) and got the first two outs in the sixth before allowing Greg Garcia's two-out single to right and Reyes' homer to center, his 15th.

Paddack allowed one run and five hits in six innings, struck out seven and walked one. Weaver allowed two runs and four hits in six innings and also had seven strikeouts and no walks.

Red Sox 12, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, David Price did not allow any earned runs over five innings in his return from the injured list, and Boston hit four home runs in a rout of the Blue Jays.

Price (2-2), who had not pitched since May 2 because of left elbow tendinitis, allowed three hits, struck out four and walked none, throwing 67 pitches.

Toronto scored twice in the second to tie the game, including Luke Maile's second homer this year. Price then retired his final 10 batters.

Rangers 10, Mariners 9

In Arlington, Texas, Asdrubal Cabrera hit two of the Rangers' five homers and Mike Minor struck out 11 over six innings in a win over Seattle.

Hunter Pence, Joey Gallo and Rougned Odor also homered. The Rangers twice had back-to-back homers while winning for the fifth time in six games since losing five in a row.

Minor (5-3) had pitched 29 innings in a row at home without giving up a run before Seattle, down 7-0 at the time, scored twice in the sixth.

Koepka getting harder to ignore after fourth major win

FARMINGDALE—Brooks Koepka has gone from being an afterthought to the most dominant player in golf over the last two years, the quiet assassin who speaks softly but carries a big stick.

In a sport where players often blather niceties about how tough their competition is, Koepka is refreshing in that he does not mind acknowledging that his physical and psychological attributes are a cut above most of his peers.

The 29-year-old American told a press conference on Tuesday ahead of the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black that he could not think of any reason why would not win at least 10 majors by the end of his career.

"I think sometimes the majors are the easiest ones to win," said Koepka. "Half the people shoot themselves out of it, and mentally I know I can beat most of them, and then from there it's those guys left, who's going to play good and who can win. I don't see any reason I can't get to double digits."

Koepka is nearly halfway there after his two-shot victory over fellow American Dustin Johnson on Sunday, when he recovered from four consecutive bogeys to limp across the line thankful he had started the day with a seven-shot buffer.

It was Johnson's fourth major victory in his last eight starts—two U.S. Opens and two PGA Championships—and nobody had previously gone from zero to four in such a short time.

He now has the same number of major titles as the perennially-hyped Rory McIlroy, who, for all his preternatural talent, has been stuck on four since 2014.

Among still active players, only Tiger Woods (15) and Phil Mickelson (five) have clocked up more.

"Phenomenal," said Koepka. "It's been a hell of a run. I'm trying not to let it stop. I mean, four of eight, I like the way that sounds."

While Koepka is back in the spotlight after his latest feat, he feels his performances over the past two years have not received the accolades they deserved.

"I get Tiger was back, so it's a little bit different," he said, referring to Woods' Masters victory in April that ended a decade-long major drought. "It was just at a point where I'd felt like if other players had done that, it would have been a way bigger deal."

"But I think you've got to find a chip (on your shoulder) or you've got to find something to motivate yourself and give you that extra little something going into a tournament or going into an event, whatever it might be, to really want to push you over that line. There's always a chip. I think every great athlete always has a chip ... It works for me. Why would I stray from that?"

TSL Foundation supports Joeten Memorial Golf Classic

The Tan Siu Lin Foundation has shown its continued commitment to the Joeten Daidai Foundation by donating $10,000 for the 2019 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic.

Joeten Daidai is holding the fundraising tournament on June 22 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort with proceeds from the event going to the foundation, which supports students going off-island to further their education and provides assistance to the community.

Joeten Memorial Golf Classic tournament director Peter "Dung" Tenorio, Joeten Daidai Foundation director Patty McDonald, and other officials of the group received the donation from TSL Foundation executive Merlie Tolentino and TanHoldings Corp. Community Relations director Carline Sablan last Friday at the TSL Plaza.

"The Joeten Daidai Foundation and the TSL Foundation and the Tan family have been partners not only in business, but also in projects that benefit our community, so their support to the Joeten Memorial Golf Classic is another testament to the two families' strong ties. TanHoldings, like Joeten, is a company that is always ready to step up and help our community. We deeply appreciate their support and looking forward for our continued partnership," Tenorio said.

TanHoldings Corp. chief executive officer Jerry Tan said the two foundations' bond is strengthened by their common goal—to serve the community.

"The Tan Siu Lin Foundation shares Joeten Daidai's mission to give back to the community. Both foundations also put their trust in education, as proven in the scholarships we grant to CNMI students, annually," TanHoldings Corp. chief executive officer Jerry Tan said.

The Joeten Daidai Foundation gives scholarship to seven college students every year, according to McDonald. It also provides assistance to Karidat, the Commonwealth Cancer Association/Marianas March Against Cancer, and other groups.

"We recognize and commend the efforts being done by the Joeten Daidai Foundation to help send CNMI students to college and rally behind groups that are also doing outreach programs to the community. With this donation and support from other businesses, we wish for another successful Joeten Memorial Golf Classic," Tolentino said.

The tournament will be held as part of the celebration of Joeten's 70th anniversary. Players can enter in the Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Ladies flights and the Top 3 finishers in each division will receive prizes. Five hole-in-one prizes will also be at stake in next month's competition. ***(PR)***

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Tan Siu Lin Foundation executive director Merlie Tolentino, fifth left, and TanHoldings Corp. Community Relations director Carline Sablan, right, present the ceremonial check donation to tournament director Peter "Dung" Tenorio, third left, for the 2019 Joeten Memorial Golf Classic last Friday at the TSL Plaza. Also present at the donation turnover ceremony were Joeten Daidai Foundation officials and organizers of the June 22 tournament.

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with a 3-0 lead, as Floyd Muna found the back of the net in the 14th minute and John Guiller Canape did the same in the 31st. Canape had another goal in the second half, as he closed out for PIC with his shot in the 82nd minute. Earlier in the 46th minute, Bailey Spaeth gave PIC its fourth goal, while Brandon Tenorio made it a 5-0 lead in the 62nd minute.

Sweep for Kanoa, MP United

Meanwhile, division champions Kanoa Football Club and MP United won their respective make-up games last Thursday for a sweep in the 2019 NMIFA Spring Youth League.

MP United blanked the NMI Boys U15 National Team, 7-0, to finish the double-round robin competition in the boys U18 division with an 8-0-0 win-draw-loss record. Sunjoon Tenorio scored three goals in their last match, Dai Podziewski added two, while Jonathan Lim and Kaden Church chipped in one apiece.

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A Pacific Islands Club player, left, chases the ball ahead of a Shirley's Football Club defender during their Division B title match in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

In the other boys U18 make-up match, Kanoa outclassed Matansa, 3-0. Andruw Omelau had a brace, while Sebastien Manabat delivered the other goal for Kanoa, which wrapped up the season with a 2-0-6 slate.

Kanoa also ended its campaign in the girls U19 on a winning note after topping Matansa, 7-2.

Paulyn Joyce made a hat trick, Sharmaine Francisco contributed two goals, and Sue Anne Huevos and Krizel Tuazon had one apiece for Kanoa, which was undefeated in eight games. Matansa, which finished the season with only two wins, got its goals from Barbara Peteru.

MP United placed second to Kanoa in the final team standings, as the former was handed a free win (sixth) against Southen United Football Club (forfeit).

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face the winner in the second round match between No. 2 seed Nan Hsun-Lin of Chinese-Taipei and Yusen Sato of Japan. Hsun-Lin drew a bye in the opening and was scheduled to debut in the tournament yesterday, but his match against Sato and all the morning games (including the opener in the doubles event) in the competition were reset due to heavy rains. Sato and Hsun-Lin will have their make-up match today.

Also slated for this morning is the tussle between Brazil's Nikolas Herbert and No. 1 Yunseok Jang of South Korea with the winner meeting Lee in Round 3 of the upper half of the draw.

Meanwhile, Jimin Woo missed joining his three CNMI teammates in the third round after bowing to No. 16 Kenta Miyoshi of Japan.

Two more seeded players in the boys singles made it to the next round with No. 3 Matthew Garcia of the Philippines downing South Korea's Seungik Park, 6-3, 6-3 and No. 14 Kaita Odani of Japan defeating South Korea's Dongyeon Kang, 6-1, 6-1.

In other results, the unseeded Yun Seop Sim of South Korea eliminated No. 11 Shu-Lun Chang of Chinese-Taipei, 6-0, 6-3.

In the girls singles, No. 1 seed Manami Ukita coasted past Haopyan Wu, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3 Kanami Hayashige of Japan topped Hong Kong's Hannah Shen, 7-5, 6-3; and No. 2 Zijun Jiang of China slipped past Japan's Riko Kamikura, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.

There were two upsets in the girls singles with Japan's Natsumi Numano ousting No. 4 Qianyu Liu of China, 6-4, 7-6 (4) and South Korea's Seoyoung Kim beating No. 5 Rio Osegawa, 6-2, 6-2.

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over the Manta Rays, 25-15. Then against MHS 2, Kagman labored through a 25-22 victory, while the Ayuyus closed out the night with a 25-18 win over MHS 3.

MHS 3 finished pool play ranked fourth with its 1-3 mark, while MHS 2 was a notch ahead with its 2-2 card, and Saipan Southern was at the cellar after failing to win a single match. MHS 3 recorded a 25-18 victory over the Manta Rays, while MHS 2 also defeated the latter, 25-20, and the former, 25-17.

Tinian Junior Senior High School and Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior Senior High School on Rota are also competing in the tournament. Tinian will be joining the second round of the pool play this Friday, while Rota will be seeing action in the playoffs set for June 1. Seeding for the playoffs will be determined after the May 24 pool play.

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A Marianas High School 2 player sets up his teammate during their game against MHS 3 in the 2018-2019 Public School System Boys High School Volleyball Tournament last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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3 CNMI players advance

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The weather cleared yesterday afternoon, allowing three CNMI players to shine in their opening games in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Sean Lee prevailed in their respective singles matches to march into the third round of the ITF Juniors World Tour tournament.

The No. 13 seed Lee handed the Commonwealth its first win in the competition after sweeping Australia's Louie Zheng, 6-2, 6-0, while Song duplicated the former's straight set victory following an upset over No. 15 Sooyoung Yang of South Korea, 6-2, 6-3.

Schorr, who is seeded No. 7 in the 64-player draw, was the last CNMI player to have his opening match yesterday and he eased past Japanese Hayato Kurihara, 6-1, 6-2.

With the victory, Schorr set up a duel with South Korea's Dong Hwang Kim and they will battle for a quarterfinal berth tomorrow. The unseeded Kim advanced to the third round after stunning No. 12 Qwyn Quittner of Australia, 6-2, 6-3, at the bottom half of the draw.

Song is also at the lower part of the draw and will

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr goes for a backhand return to Japan's Hayato Kurihara during the second round match in the 2019 Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts. Schorr won, 6-1, 6-2.

PIC clinches Division B title

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The young guns of Pacific Islands Club were on target as they shot down Shirley's Football Club, 6-0, in their Division B title game in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The lopsided victory completed PIC's upset in the playoff round, as the team showed up for a pair of winner-take-all matches after being seeded No. 3 behind regular season top finisher Shirley's and Sun Palace.

With the core of its roster made up of U18 players, PIC wasted no time running up and down the pitch and eluding the much older Shirley's defenders to create several scoring opportunities. The eventual champion's aggressiveness led to an early goal with Albert Bergancia making it to the board in the 11th minute.

Four more PIC players also hit their mark in the remainder of the game, while Shirley's could not keep up, as it was repeatedly frustrated by its faster and fitter opponent.

PIC closed out the first half

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Pacific Islands Club coach Jovi Chavez, standing right, and his players pose for a photo before playing against Shirley's Football Club in the Division B title game in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

MHS 1 sweeps pool play

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Marianas High School 1's Bailey Spaeth spikes the ball during their game against Saipan Southern High School in the 2018-2019 Public School System Boys High School Volleyball Tournament last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Marianas High School 1 was undefeated in the first round of pool play in the 2018-2019 Public School System Boys High School Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Dolphins opened their campaign in the preliminaries with a 25-15 victory over Kagman High School on the north court. For its second game, MHS 1 still played on the north side of the gym and this time eased past Saipan Southern High School, 25-9. For its last two matches over on the south court, MHS 1 had a family affair, but showed no love lost in downing MHS 2 first, 25-8, and topping MHS 3, 25-14.

Meanwhile, after dropping its opening game, Kagman went on to sweep its final three assignments last weekend. The Ayuyus recovered quickly following a double-digit winning margin

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